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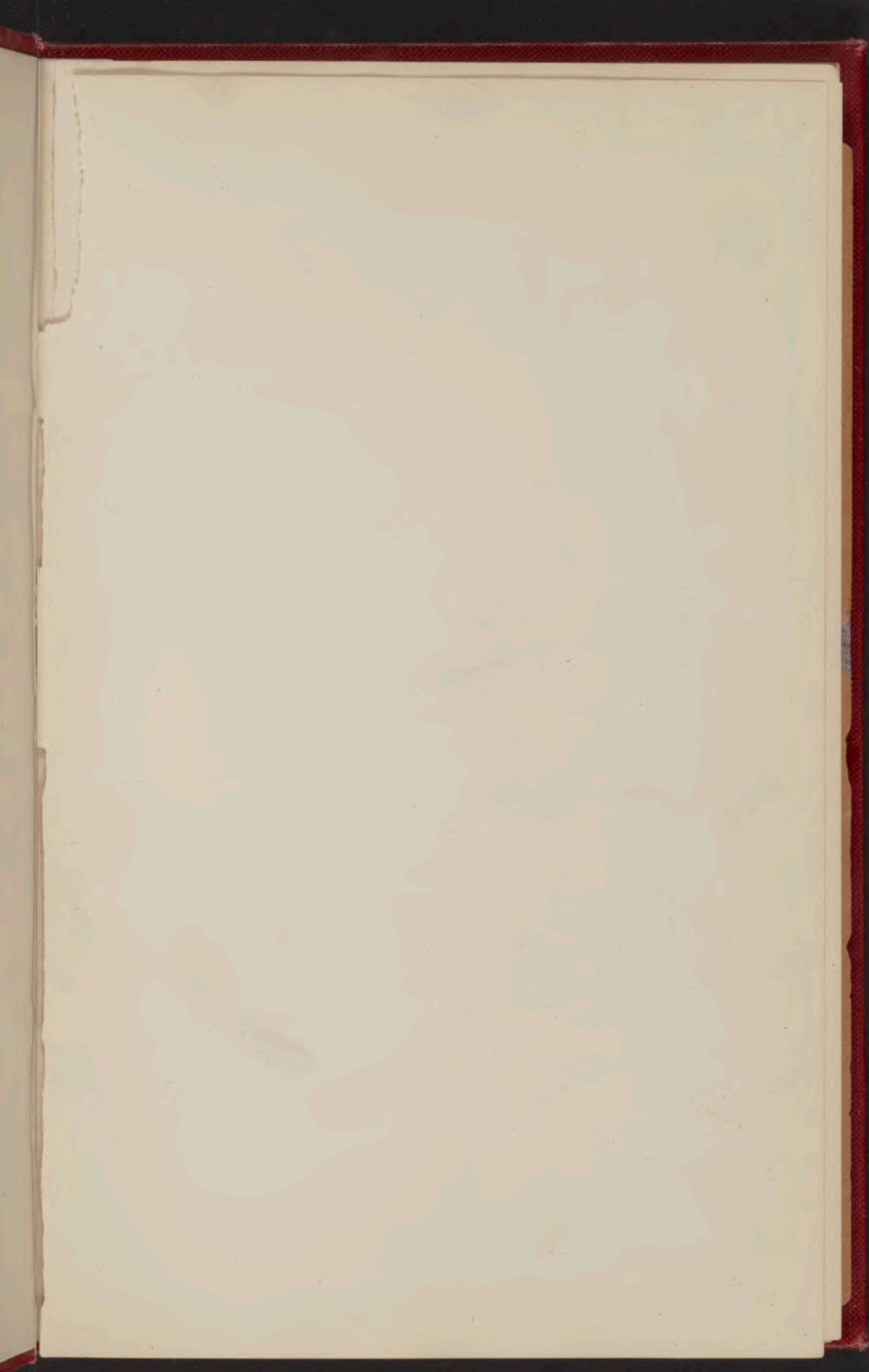


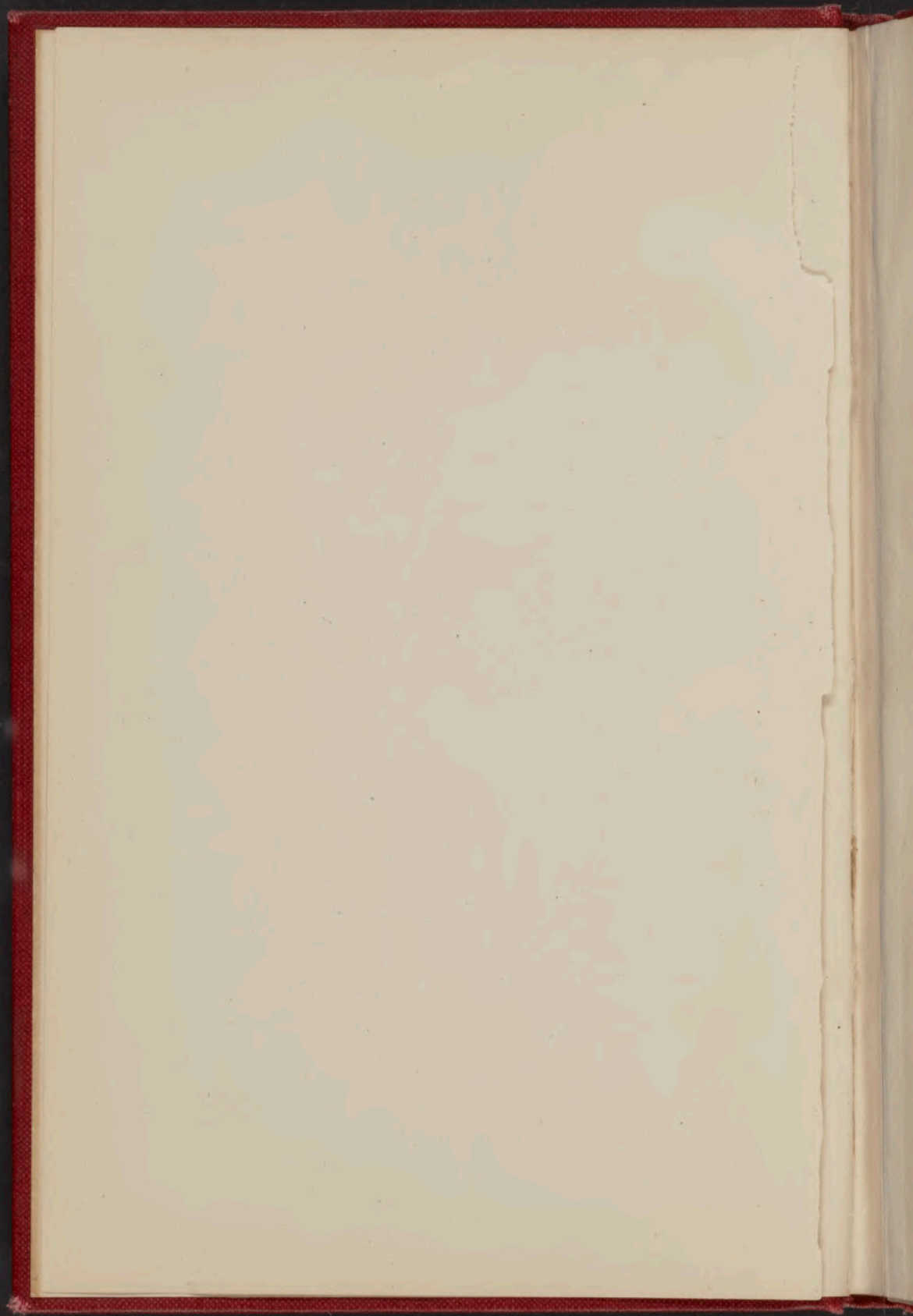
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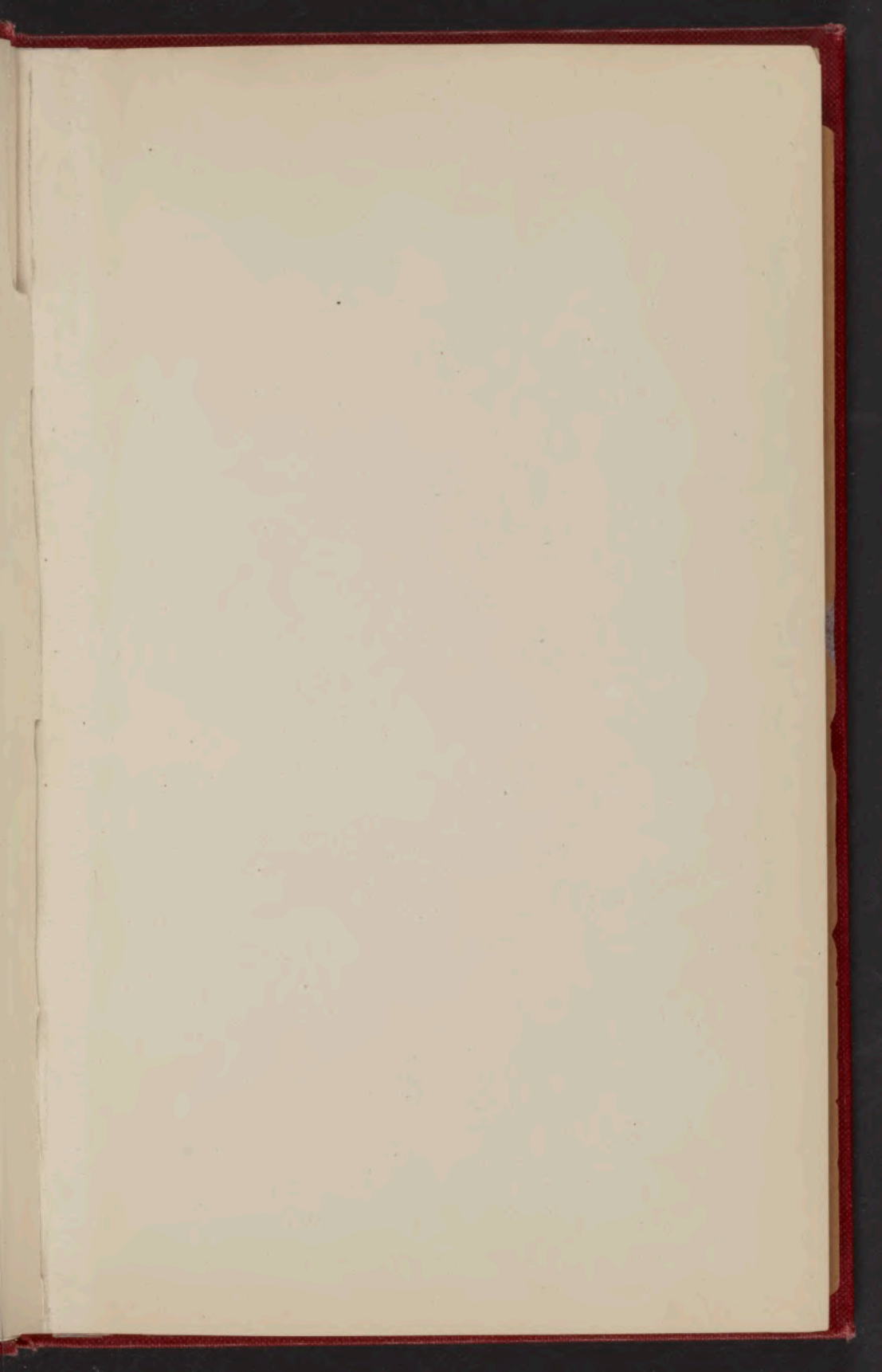
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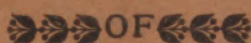
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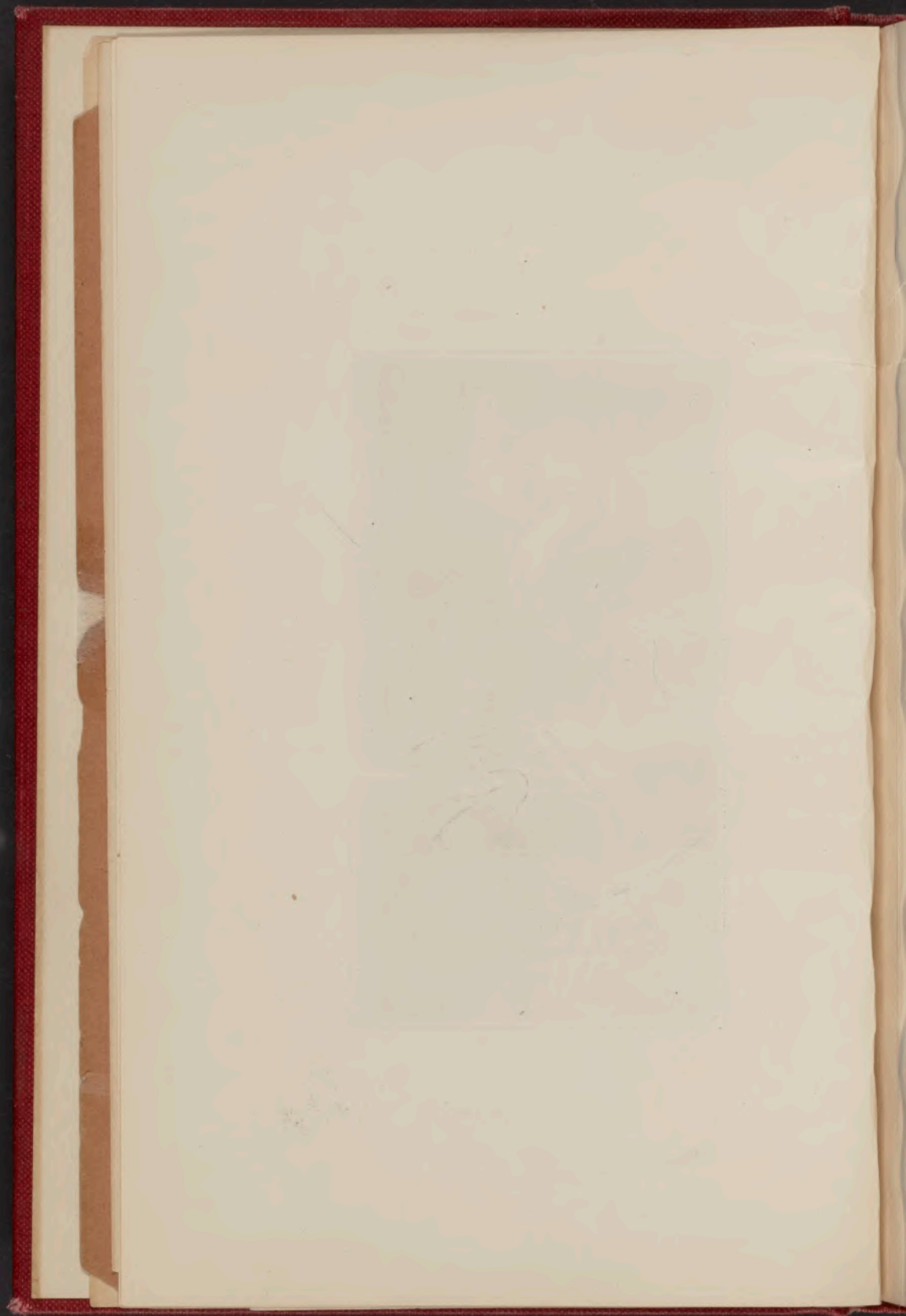
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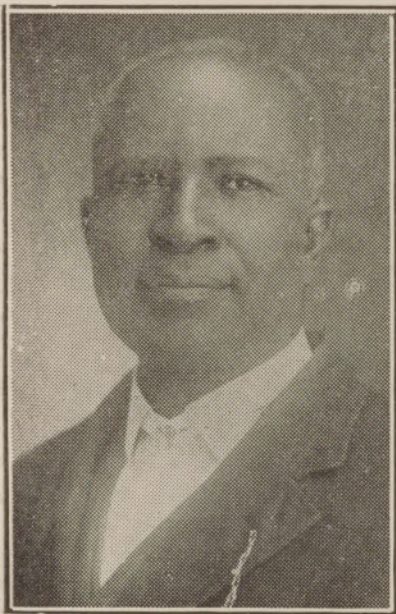
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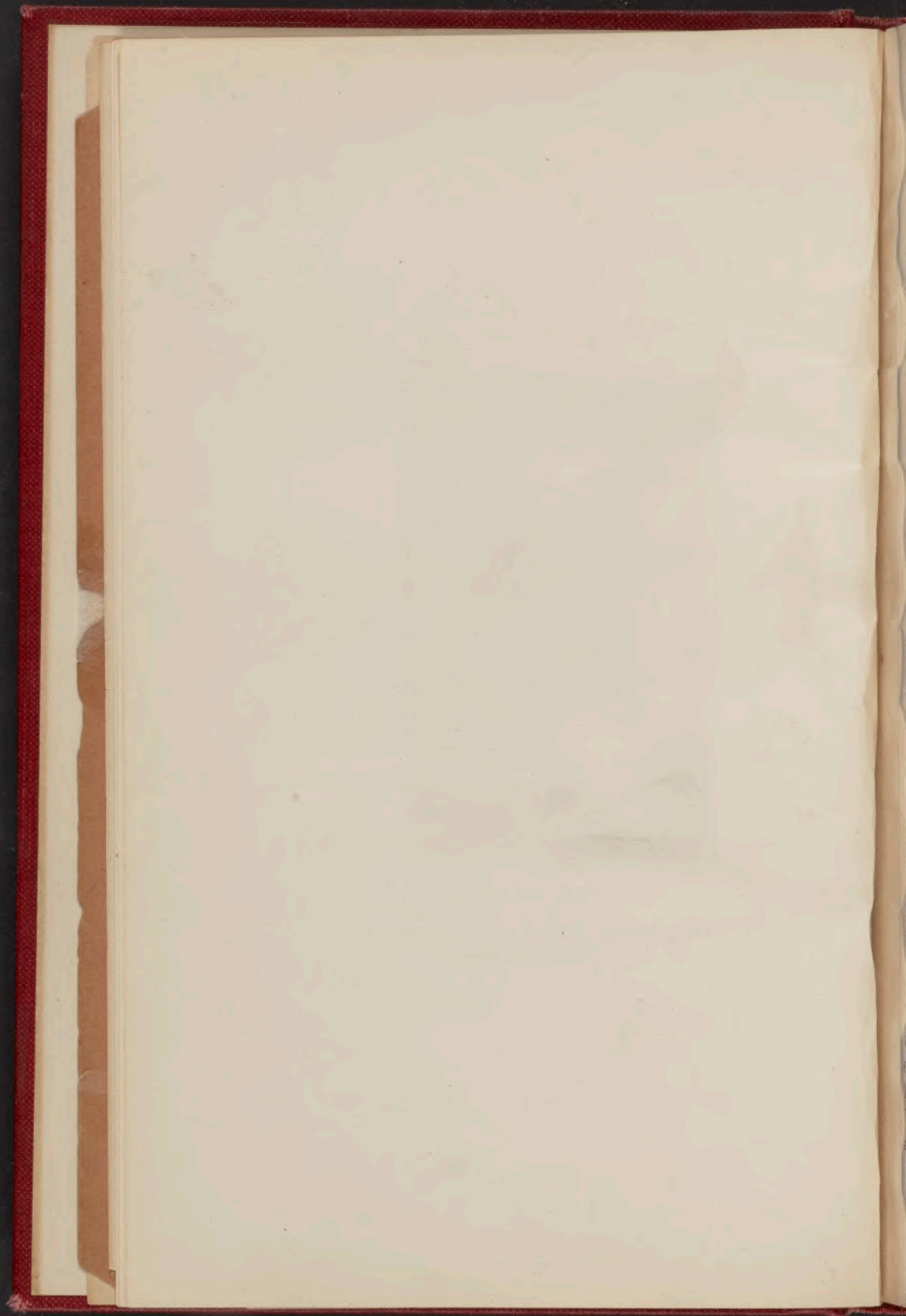


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INTRODUCTION

I have cheerfully consented to prefix a few words introductory to this autobiography. While I have encouraged publication, not a sentence has been submitted to my examination. From my intimate acquaintance with this man of God, because of my connection with the Sanctified Church of God in Christ and the Holy Ghost, I am sure the volume has such a strong claim upon the people that no commendation is needed.

The life of Elder C. H. Mason cannot be written. Incidents of birth, parentage, schooling, early struggles, later triumphs, may be detailed with accuracy; but his life has been so incorporated, transferred to such a multitude of other lives, broadening views, exalting ideas, molding characters, healing the sick and casting out devils, that no human being can know its depth and beneficent influence, and no pen can describe it. Few living Americans have made a deeper impression on the public. He has changed many of their opinions, softened, or removed, so many prejudices, or awakened greater hopefulness in relation to the solution of race problems, encompassed with many difficulties. He would engage the minds of philosophers and statesmen. His personality is unequal, his work has been exceptional, his circle of friendship has constantly widened amongst all races through his utterances and labor. He has had an upward tendency and has been an example of great worth and energy, which accomplished a great work amongst both races, in-

spiring them to a better life and doing good for others. It has been said, with truth, that the race problem requires patience and cooperation of the North and South, but this great man has proven by the Scriptures that the great problem of the world only requires a deal of patience, prayers and supplication to God.

It is encouraging to see how one true, wise, prudent courageous man can contribute far more than many men to the comprehension and settlement of questions which prefer the highest capabilities. Great wonders have been wrought by this individual, and so has the world been greatly benefited by his works.

While Elder C. H. Mason has achieved wonders, his own recognition as a spiritual leader and by his thorough teaching, his largest work has been the founding and the building up of the Sanctified Churches of God in Christ in America.

A startling report came out through publication by Rev. W. B. Holt stating that this man stood in the open air, and preached as a supernatural man. Men and woman came crying, "Men and brethren, what must I do to be saved?"

PROF. JAMES COURTS.

PREFACE.

This little book has been sent forth upon the public, not as a medium, through which I am striving to appear in the public eye to be worthy of great commendation, nor do I seek to invite the praise of the people. This is an act of most humble obedience, in response to a long continuous request of my friends. If there is anything in my life's work that will be helpful to anyone, passing along this Christian highway, that may serve to give them a greater religious zeal or to help them to more patiently consider and bear the burdens of a Christian life, I shall have accomplished my aim.

I shall feel more amply rewarded exceeding great beyond the little stipend that puts the little book in your possession, when in after years I shall learn that this little work of experience has been the means of more perfect knowledge of the nature and functions of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

ELDER C. H. MASON.



Elder C. H. Mason's Residence.

THE HISTORY AND LIFE WORK OF ELDER
C. H. MASON AND HIS CO-LABORERS.

CHAPTER II.

Elder C. H. Mason was born September 8, 1866, on the Prior Farm, near Memphis, Tennessee. His father's name was Jerry Mason, and his mother's name was Eliza Mason. They were members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

His mother was a woman of great faith, being converted during the dark period of American slavery. Under this baneful evil, by reasons of such a life, it seemed that God bestowed upon her the gift of prayer. She often prayed to God that her little son, Charlie, might be converted to a knowledge of God in his early life. Her prayers were not in vain; at the same time he would join in prayer with his mother, praying that God would give him a religion like that he heard the old folks talk about and manifest in their lives.

At this early period in life it seemed that God en-

dowed him with supernatural characteristics, which were manifested in dreams and visions, that followed him through life up to the age of forty-one years. According to his testimony, "When I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, these endowments of a divine nature departed, which have returned no more." The spiritual omens seemed to have given place to the power and mysterious working of the Holy Ghost, which is clearly seen and demonstrated to every one with whom he comes in contact.

CHAPTER III. „

In November, 1879, his parents moved to Plumersville, Ark., where the advantages of education were very limited. On account of his industrious and helpful disposition in the home, his father felt that he could not dispense with his help long enough to educate him. During this period there was made upon his mind a wonderful impression of Heaven and Hell. Night after night he would lay on his bed, thinking of the Lord and Heaven, with all its majesty and beauty, and Hell, with all its infernal horrors, on the other. These impressions led him to an early

conversion, which occurred in the same year his parents moved to Plumersville. They moved down in the swamp on Mr. John Watson's plantation. The new environments were so entirely different to that of his old homestead, the ways of the people were so different and ungodly, that his little heart was burdened with grief and sad disappointment to see the contrast of this new condition to that of the former. At this early period in his life, there were those divine traits which have already been mentioned, that distinguished him from the other boys in his neighborhood. Many days he wept over this new condition in his home life and desired to return to the old homestead. During this time he took with chills and fever; he got down so low till all thought the end was near, but on the first Sunday morning in September, 1880, the glory of God came down upon him in his bed. He arose from his sick bed, walked out upon the threshold of the door, looking up to heaven, and did glorify God in the highest, as did the shepherds upon the Judean hills, when the angelic host swept down from heaven speaking of the secret of a new-born Savior in Bethlehem of Judea, to a drowsy world.

Up to this time he had prayed long and often without any evidence of a change in his life. At

this period it seemed that he made a perfect surrender in his life. He said, "Lord, I have done all that I can do." Immediately the glory of God came upon him and he began to thank and praise God, then all his burdens and grief were taken away.

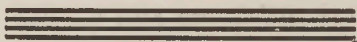
His physical strength returned and immediately he put on his clothes and started out to tell what the Lord had done for him. There was beauty in the sky which he had never seen before; this seemed to thrill his very soul and filled his heart with joy and gladness.

He went skipping along and rejoicing over the light of salvation that was shining forth as the noon day in his soul. He was crying as he went skipping along, "Glory to God! Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!"

It appeared to him that the very heaven had opened to him and he was numbered among the holy ones on high.

His mother came and found him out of his sick bed, and gone! Immediately she started out to find him. She met him by the way, returning home. Oh, it was a sweet meeting! His mother shouted, and he rejoiced in the Lord. He was baptized by his brother, I. S. Nelson, a Baptist preacher, pastoring Mt. Olive, a Missionary Baptist Church, at Plumers

ville, Ark. He had great love for churches and the work and in revival times he would labor night and day for the salvation of souls. At times he would sing and pray all night over souls at the altar.



CHAPTER IV.

HE WAS CALLED TO THE MINISTRY.

After he was converted he was called to the ministry. He received local license in 1882 from the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, which dated the beginning of his ministerial career.

He drew back from the call, but the call did not draw back from him, so he planned out what he wanted to get and do before he went wholly into the ministerial work. Some of the things he wanted was a home paid for and a wife to grace the same; also an education. After that he was willing to turn his entire time to the ministry. He looked among the

virgins of the land and saw one Miss Alice Saxton, whom his soul came to love, for he felt that he could live true to that dear one, for he disdained the idea of flirting with other girls. He was beloved by many of the different sex, but was careful not to engage himself with a double engagement. He was greatly loved by all of the Saxton family, and the same was reciprocated by him. The family interest was his interest, and their grief was also his, but ere long he discovered his mistake by not complying with Matt. 6:33, which teaches to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto us. But he sought the woman first and then the kingdom. Through this blunder he soon lost her, her care and her comfort. He promised the Lord if He would give him the one he loved so dear he would go and preach! instead of keeping the promise he broke it and found himself drifting farther and farther away from God than ever before, on account of having his own way, for it is written, "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death." It took him five years to get her, but lost her in three. Then it was brought to pass the scripture which said, "Without me, ye can do nothing." John 15:5. Therefore he found out that no man can accomplish anything

out of harmony with the divine plans. He confessed to the Lord that He would have to deal with him as he did with Jonah. But, oh! before God got through with him he thought it was better for Jonah than for him. He was let down as into hell; his soul found no relief, for there came a final separation which plunged them both in deep despair from which he found no powers to deliver. In this family conflict he lost all of his life worthy of God's blessings. For she had not been true to him. He called to God but He would not hear. The more he did to straighten matters, the worse they got. He would often say to his wife while together, that he believed all their troubles came upon them on account of not obeying the voice of the Lord. She also expressed the same belief. Nevertheless, she was not willing for him to go and preach. The general moral status of the ministers was so low until it destroyed her confidence in him. His being out of her sight made her miserable.

Let me say, by way of advice to all of you wives, if you see that your husband is called of God to preach the gospel, see to it that you hinder him not. Always say yes to whatever God says or does. Oh! what evils came to Jonah. From the duties that God had called him to perform, the men took his fare

to let him go with them, but lost it and so much the more, for the winds came back to make trouble with them. Such as they had never seen before, so that they could not go nor come. The whale came for Jonah on account of his running from God. He got for this disobedience a bed in the belly of the whale for three days and nights.

In like manner there are many evils that will overtake the ministers who seek to disobey the call of God to duty. Evil women may give him a life with her in hell. But when we see that we are wrong, the way to get right is to give up to God and let Him purge us. This he did before he got right with God. He asked God to help him to make it up in his mind to let all the women go, that he might please Him. He gave him the light and he failed not to walk therein. He went to the church, confessed his sins according to the word. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." He told them that he had been going to hell, but had turned to God to do His will. This was contrary to the Baptist faith, that it created much confession. Nevertheless, they permitted him to stay on, for they knew for a long time that he was called to preach the

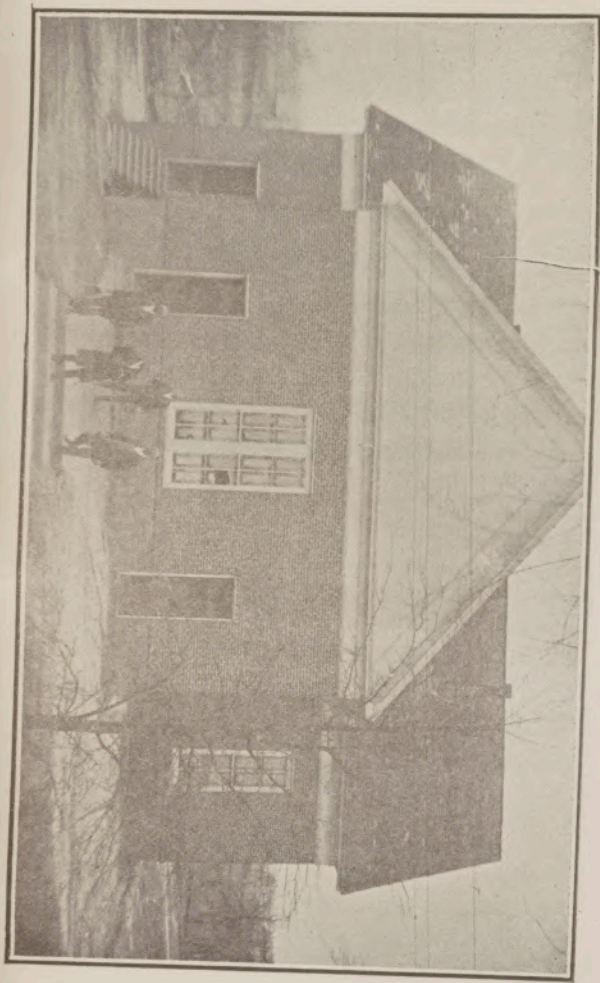
gospel of Christ. We doubt not there was some divine peculiarity in his life which prompted him to do righteousness. The work he wrought in him was most marvelous, he cleansed his heart and put upon him the power that made him fear God. His sins were all confessed and forsaken; then, for the love for the soul of men, the word of God, and His glorious name, came into his soul like an overflowing river, and established in his heart a deep, settled and everlasting peace. We do thank God for it today!



CHAPTER V.

**In 1893 He Was Sanctified Through the Word—His
First Sermon in Holiness.**

The house was packed to its utmost capacity, with spectators to hear the word of God. His text was 2d Tim. 3:12-13, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." The sermon was all to him which stayed with him from that time down to the writing. By this sermon the church was greatly aroused. He absented himself for two weeks or more, then on his return he found that a good revival had broken out, and had about run down without any sign of success. The pastor asked him to take up the meeting and conduct the revival, and to this "I felt that it was my first duty to consult the Lord. "I went into the woods, fell on my knees and asked the Lord to give evidence of my call to the ministry by giving success and converting leading sinners of the community in this revival." This He did, for when he returned to the house he met one of the same class, a lady weeping and crying out



ST. PAUL CHURCH OF GOD,
Lexington, Miss.

for salvation. She was converted with many others. Some were converted in the church and others gave up and accepted Christ on the water side while baptizing. This occurred at Preston, Ark., in 1893, after which I left home for Lee County, Ark., to see my brother, Nelson.

They were all glad to see him, but did not know how to appreciate the religious change in his life, for he was not full of the world's foolishness, as other young men. He had his Bible, talked and prayed to the Lord about His wonderful ways. They could not enjoy his presence nor his ways. The word began to stir the people about their sins. It convinced them that sin was destroying them, their churches and all that they possessed. He told them also that sin was the cause of all their sickness and disease. Soon they began to read and run.

CHAPTER VI.

Entering College.

We again quote from Elder Mason:

"I entered the Arkansas Baptist College November 1, 1893, and stayed about three months. I still entered the same so that an education would help me out in preaching. The Lord showed me that there was no salvation in schools and colleges; for the way they were conducted grieved my very soul. I packed my books, arose and bade them a final farewell to follow Jesus, with the Bible as my sacred guide. Not long after this, when I began to lift up Christ by word, example and precept in my ministry, the word drew the people from the streets, roadside and from the utmost part of the country. Very soon the word of God began to sanctify the people everywhere He sent me. Bless His Holy name.

In 1895 I met with Elder C. P. Jones, of Jackson, Miss., who was very sweet in the spirit of the Lord and prayed much, until I loved with unfeigned love. Elder J. A. Jeter, W. S. Pleasant and many others

became my companions in this faith. In 1896 we called a meeting at Jackson, Miss. It was a wonderful meeting of power and outpour of the spirit of the Lord in which many were converted, sanctified and healed by the power of faith. The wonderful work done in this meeting brought a more international relation among the brotherhood, by which we were able to turn many to the Lord in this faith."

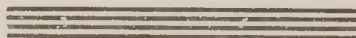
In 1897 the fire of this new light fell at Lexington, Miss., where there was soon established a Church of God in Christ. This church was set up in an old gin on the bank of a little creek. The people covered the earth from many miles around. The Devil being stirred, shot in on us while some were shouting and praying.

This wonderful catastrophe of the meeting was reported through the newspapers, served more as an advertisement than a hindrance. They came as never before. They said that if the Sanctified people were having meetings under such conditions, truly it must be of the Lord. We bought a lot on the Yazoo Street just beyond the corporate line, and built a little edifice 60x40 from Mrs. John Ashcraft, who owned a spot, and dedicated it to God. Very

early it was discovered that this house was too small, for many times we were forced to carry all the seats out of doors to make room for all to see and hear. In 1906 we built a large brick church more commodious and accommodating to all, which cost \$6,000. In 1907 Elder Mason began to hunger and thirst for a more entire fulness of God until he wanted to put everything down and go somewhere and wait in prayer till his soul became satisfied.

In the meantime there came a report of the out-pour of the Holy Ghost in Los Angeles, California. Bro. C. P. Jones, one whom Elder Mason loved, opened his eyes to the fact that we did not have the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Matthew 10:12, which showed clearly that we might have power to heal the sick, cast out devils and to raise the dead, and yet not have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He further called the Elder's attention to John 15:3 and John 17:12, that we could be kept free from sin and yet not have the Holy Ghost. He also showed him John 1:31-32, that John the Baptist was full of the Holy Ghost. Here he saw that a jug could be full of water and not be in the water. He told him about the Day of Pentecost wherein they received Him and the miraculous change that took place. The light of these words did not go out of

his heart. He also told him that the great blessing was for him and that God would bestow upon him the same. "I was led by the Spirit," states Elder Mason, "to go to Los Angeles, California, where the great fire of the latter reign of the Holy Ghost had fallen on many. It was in March, 1907, when I received Him, Jesus, my Lord, in the Holy Ghost."



CHAPTER VII.

Elder Mason Tells of Receiving the Holy Ghost.

"The first day in the meeting I sat to myself, from those that went with me. I saw and heard some things that did not look scriptural to me, but at this I did not stumble. I began to thank God in my heart for all things, for when I heard some speak in tongues I knew it was right, though I did not understand it. Nevertheless it was sweet to me. I

also thank God for Elder Seymore who came and preached a wonderful sermon. His words were sweet and powerful and it seems that I hear them now while writing. When he closed his sermon, he said, 'All of those that want to be sanctified or baptized with the Holy Ghost, go to the upper room, and all those that want to be healed go to the prayer room, and those that want to be justified, come to the altar.' I said that is the place for me, for it may be that I am not converted, and if not, God knows it and can convert me.

"Satan says to me, 'If you get converted, will you tell me?' I said yes, for I knew if I were not converted and God did not convert me, it would tell of itself. I stood on my feet while waiting at the altar fearing someone would bother me, but I said in my mind, that if I ever get to that altar and get my back turned on the people, I will see them about getting me away. Just as I attempted to bow down someone called me and said, 'The pastor wants you three brethren in his room.' I obeyed and went up. He received us and seemed to be so glad to see us there. He saith, 'Brethren, the Lord will do great things for us and bless us.' He cautioned us not to be running around in the city seeking worldly pleasure, but seek pleasure of the Lord. The word just

suited me.

"At that time a sister came into the room at the time we were bowing to pray, one that I had a thought about that might not have been right. I had seen her a number of years. I arose, took her into a room and confessed it to her. And we prayed. I arose and returned to the pastor's room and began to pray again, and the enemy got into a minister's brother to tempt me. He opened his Bible and said, 'Look.' I said to him, go away, I do not want to be bothered. And he tempted me the third time, but I refused to hear him. I told him that he did not know what he wanted, and I knew what I needed. I did not intend to be interfered by any one, so he gave me up and ceased to annoy me further, though he was a man that I loved as myself.

"Elder J. A. Jeter, of Little Rock, Ark., and D. D. J. Young, of Pine Bluff, Ark., we three, went together, boarded together and prayed for the same blessing. The enemy had put into the ear of Bro. Jeter to find fault of the work, but God kept me out of it.

That night the Lord spoke to me, that Jesus saw all of this world wrong but did not attempt to set it right until God overshadowed Him with the Holy Ghost. And He said that "I was no better than my

Lord," and if I wanted him to baptize me, I would have to let the people's rights and wrongs alone, and look to Him and not to the people, and He would baptize me. And I said yes to God, for it was Him who I wanted to baptize me and not the people.

"Glory! The second night of prayer I saw a vision. I saw myself standing alone and had a dry roll of paper. I had to chew it. When I had gotten it all in my mouth, trying to swallow it, looking up towards the heavens, there appeared a man of my size. I turned my eyes at once, then I awoke and the interpretation came. God had me swallowing the whole book, and that if I did not turn my eyes to anyone but God and Him only, He would baptize me. I said yes to Him, and at once, in the morning when I arose I could hear a voice in me saying, 'I see.'

"I had joy but was not satisfied. A sister began to tell me about the faults that were among the saints, but stopped as she did not want to hinder me by telling me of them. I sat and looked at her and said, 'You all may stand on your heads, God has told me what to do. God is going to baptize me.' So I came to the mission and found the brother that I had left, fighting. He had turned the other way, and said, 'The voice of the Lord says in my heart

that there is something in that for Jesus.' And he said if there is anything for Jesus I want it. So he went and bowed down at her feet for all to pray for him. I was going to take my seat by him. I was left standing on my feet. When the evening came I saw what I had missed by being out of the meeting. I would not reason with him, but said, 'Go from me.' He was trying to get me to condemn myself, when I discovered that it was only deceit in him, for he knew that I knew his way toward women, but I would not reason with the devil.

"I got me a place at the altar and began to thank God. After that, I said, 'Lord if I could only baptize myself I would do so.' For I wanted the baptism so bad that I did not know what to do. I said, 'Lord, you will have to do the work for me.'" So I just turned it all over into His hands to do the work for me. A brother came and prayed for me. I did not feel any better or any worse. The enemy tried to put in my mind that that was just deceit in him, but I just thanked God for it. One sister came and said, 'Satan will try to make you feel sad, but that is not the way to receive him—you must be glad and praise the Lord.' I told her that I was letting the Lord search my heart, for I did not want to receive

new wine in old bottles. But I said, 'My heart does not condemn me.' Then I quoted the scripture to her, which readeth thus: 'Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God, and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him.' 1 John 3:21-22. Then I realized in my heart that I had confidence in God and did not have to get it, for my heart was free from condemnation.

"Then I began to seek for the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:44, which readeth thus: 'Then they that gladly received His word were baptized.'" Then I saw that I had a right to be glad and not sad. As the enemy was trying to make me believe the way to receive the Holy Ghost was to be sad, but the light of the word put him out. There came a reason in my mind which said, 'Were you sad when you were going to marry?' I said 'NO, I was glad.' It said that this meant wedlock to Christ. Then I saw more in being glad than in being sad.

"The enemy said to me, 'There may be something wrong with you.' Then a voice spoke to me and said, 'If there is anything wrong with you Christ will find it and take it away and will marry you, at any rate, and will not break the vow.' More light came and my heart rejoiced! Some said let us sing. I arose and the first song that came to me was,


'He Brought Me Out of the Miry Clay; He Sat My Feet on the Rock to Stay.' The Spirit came upon the saints and upon me! After which I soon sat down and soon my hands went up and I resolved in my heart not to take them down until the Lord baptized me.

"The enemy tried to show me again how much pain it would cause me to endure not knowing how long it would be before the Lord would baptize me. The enemy said that I might not be able to hold out. The Spirit rebuked him and said that the Lord was able to make me stand and if not I would be a liar. And the Spirit gave me to know that I was looking to God and not to myself for anything. The sound of a mighty wind was in me and my soul cried, 'Jesus, only, none like you.' My soul cried and soon I began to die. It seemed that I heard the groaning of Christ on the Cross dying for me. All of the work was in me until I died out of the old man. The sound stopped for a little while. My soul cried, Oh, God, finish your work in me- Then the sound broke out in me again. Then I felt something raising me out of my seat without any effort of my own. I said, 'It may be imagination.' Then looked down to see if it was really so. I saw that I was rising. Then I gave up, for the Lord to have His way with

in me. So there came a wave of glory into me, and all of my being was filled with the glory of the Lord. So when He had gotten me straight on my feet there came a light which enveloped my entire being above the brightness of the sun. When I opened my mouth to say glory, a flame touched my tongue which ran down in me. My language changed and no word could I speak in my own tongue. Oh, I was filled with the glory of the Lord. My soul was then satisfied. I rejoiced in Jesus my Savior, whom I loved so dear. And from that day until now there has been an overflowing joy of the glory of the Lord in my heart.

"After five weeks I left Los Angeles, Cal., for Memphis, Tenn., my home. The fire had fallen before my arrival. Bro. Glem Cook, of Los Angeles, Cal., was there telling the story and the Lord was sending the rain. I was full of the power when I reached home. The Spirit had taken full control of me and everything was new to me and to all the saints. The way that he went after things was all new. The way he did things was the same. At the same time I soon found that he could and was teaching me all things and showing the things of the Lord. He taught how and what to sing and all his songs were new. The third day after he began with

me in Memphis I asked him to give me the interpretation of what was spoken in tongues, for I did not understand the operation of the Spirit. I wanted the church to understand what the Spirit was saying through me, so that they might have been edified. My prayers were not in vain. The Lord stood me up one day and began to speak in tongues and interpret the same. He soon gave me the gift of interpretation, that is, He would interpret sounds, groans and any kind of spiritual utterance."



CHAPTER VIII.

Work of Miracles.

Elder Mason continues: "The Holy Ghost then began all kinds of drawing and spiritual writing, which was done without any thought of my own. I could see and clearly understand Matt. 23:34, which saith, 'Wherefore behold I send unto you prophets and wise men and scribes, and some of them shall ye kill and crucify and some of them shall we scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city.' I also understood more clearly Matt. 13:52, which readeth thus: 'Then said He unto them, therefore every scribe which is instructed into the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth from his treasures both new and old.' Oh, glory to His Holy name! How I thank Him for His word that gives light to all who receive and obey it!

"The Spirit through me has saved, sanctified and baptized thousands of souls of all colors and nations. Hundreds have been healed by my laying on hands and praying to God to rebuke the enemy (the devil). Some of the miracles which God performed in healing in obedience to Jas. 5:16, through prayer, was the extraction of the jaw bone of a woman who came to the meeting in Memphis, Tenn., a few years ago. Her sins were confessed and forgiven and she left the assembly well and blessed in the Lord. Another who was suffering with toothache came up. My soul went in prayer for her. The tooth came

out of her mouth and she showed it to all who were present. Tumors have been removed from the bodies of women who have been suffering for years, only through faith in God. I met with an Elder who had hemorrhages of the lung. He was a sight to behold. The physicians said that it was impossible for him to live. God, through prayer, rebuked the bleeding, and today he is blessed of the Lord and is preaching the gospel and saving souls. Bless His sweet name.

Also through prayer of faith to the Lord, the lame have been able to put down their crutches and walk, and the blind have been made to see; the seemingly dead have been restored to activity again.

God is almighty. Who can hinder Him?

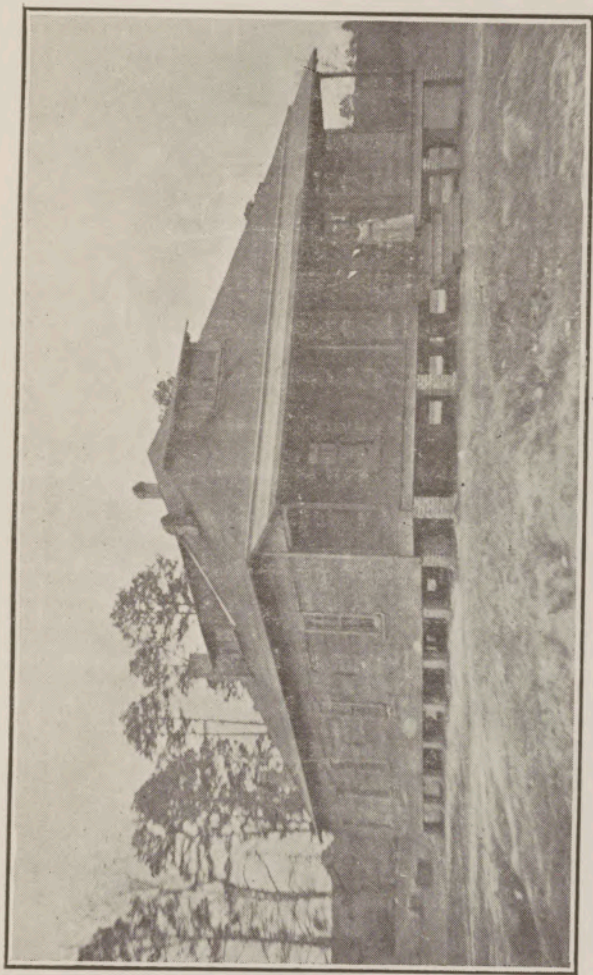
"My life is consecrated to Him. I am following His example in Matt. 4:23. I do thank my God for the living way, which is Christ Jesus. I have suffered all but death for His namesake. Naturally, man has not been able to understand the Spirit's work through me. Therefore, I suffered persecution, but God and Him only can explain the mysteries that are being performed by the Spirit through me.

"In the spring of 1916 I was invited by the authorities of the city of Nashville, Tenn., to hold a camp meeting. The city auditorium, with a seating capacity of 7,000, was furnished and equipped by the citizens of the city. I was invited to run the meeting for them. Many of the best white people of the city attended the meeting. The Holy Spirit, through me, did many wonderful things. On that occasion the rich and poor, the wise and simple, were forced to confess that the hand of God worked in that meeting. I give the glory all to God. He is my strength.

Saints Industrial School of Mississippi, located at Lexington, viewing from left to right: Principal, Prof. Jas. Courts; Matron, Mrs. G. E. Courts; Asst. Teacher, Mrs. A. B. Broy; Trustees, Eld. S. Rice, Chairman; Eld. W. Brooks, Assistant; Eld. F. Winans, Chaplain; Eld. Mac Davis, Eld. Jas. Henderson, Eld. J. H. Jackson, Eld. J. A. Lewis, Eld. Jas. Lee, Secretary; Eld. Geo. Bacon.

Compiler of the book of life and works of Eld. C. H. Mason and co-laborers; also the founder of the Saints Industrial School of Mississippi. He has been traveling over Mississippi the last few years in the interest of the institution. He has met with many difficulties, yet he pressed on in Jesus' dear name. Today we feel proud of his work. Through his efforts the Saints of Mississippi have a building of ten rooms with a capacity of two stories. Its valuation is about five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), calculating from the increase of material since we built.

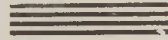
He succeeded in raising up to Jan. 28, 1920, more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). We give God all the glory. Amen.



Saints Industrial School,
Lexington, Miss.

CHAPTER VIII.

HORRORS.



Elder Mason concludes: "My life has been threatened by members of my own race because I would openly speak and preach against their unlawful and ungodly manner of living. I would teach them to pay their honest debts and be obedient to their rulers. I have been several times struck, and once knocked down by an enemy of right and righteousness; not only have I been knocked down, but I have been put in jail the third time. God only gave deliverance. In 1918 I was called to appear before the judge of the Kangaroo Court in Paris, Tex. The presiding officer looked at me and laid down his books, and said, 'You all may try him; I will not have anything to do with him.' I will give God all the glory. Amen.

In 1918, at Lexington, Miss., I took a scriptural stand against the ungodly deeds of the various races, about how many souls were being hurled into eternity without chance of seeing God for their soul's salvation, knowing that without the hand of the Almighty there could be no remedy for the same.

The Holy Ghost through me was teaching men to look to God, for He is their only help. I told them not to trust in the power of the United States, England, France or Germany, but trust in God. The enemy (the devil) tried to hinder me from preaching the unadulterated word of God. He plotted against me and had the white people to arrest me

and bound me over in jail for several days. I thank my God for the persecution, 'For all that will live godly must suffer persecution.' 2 Tim. 3:12.

The Apostle Paul for preaching the truth was not allowed to pass through certain towns. God's name be glorified! My life is consecrated to Him.

My being debarred from Lexington, Miss., was to the glory of God. The Lord moved me into new fields where souls were perishing for the living word. The Lord through me saved, sanctified and baptized thousands of souls.

Later in the same year I was called to Jackson, Miss., to answer to a charge that the devil had made against me. The presiding officers talked with me, after which they told me that I was backed up by the scripture, and would not be hurt by them. There were with me Elder R. E. Hart and Bro. Jas. Courts, and the officers notified us to return to our various homes, and if they needed us they would notify us. The Spirit had spoken to me victory. God is able to deliver His own. Glory to His Holy name!

The enemy did not want me to be free, so he called me to return to Paris, Tex., again. I had gotten as far as Little Rock, Ark., and notification came to me not to come. If God be for you, who can be against you?

A Few Texts on Brotherly Love.

Hereby perceive the love of God, because He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. John 3:16. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." John 13:35. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." 1 John 3:14. And we have known and believed the love that hath been given to us. God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. Hereunto is our

love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear has torment. He that feareth has not been made perfect in love. 1 John 4:16-18.

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.” 1 John 5:2. And this is His commandment, that we should believe on His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He gave us commandments. 1 John 5:13.

Danger of Hating a Brother.

“Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart; thou shalt not in any wise rebuke thy brother, and not suffer sin upon him.”

“Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Lev. 19:17-18.

See Psalms 34:21, Prov. 1:22, Prov. 15:10; Amos. 5:15, Mal. 1:3, Luke 21:17, Eph. 5:20, 1 John 4:20, Psa. 97:10, Prov. 13:24, Eccl. 3:8, Mich. 3:2, Rom. 9:13, Matt. 24:10, 1 John 2:9-11, Prov. 6:16-19, 2 Chron. 19:2, Prov. 14:20, Isa. 61:8, Zach. 8:17, Matt. 5:44, Luke 6:22, 1 John 3:15, Rev. 2:6.

The Coming of the Lord.

“Behold He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see, and they also which pierced Him and all kindred of the earth shall wail because of Him.” Luke 21:27-28, Matt. 25:31-44, Luke 12:40, 1 Thes. 5:24, 2 Peter 3:10-14, Rev. 15:16, Aest 1:9-11, 1 Thes. 4:16-19, Mark 8:38, Acts 2:20-21, 2 Thes. 1:7-10, Titus 2:13, Rev. 22:12, Matt. 24:30-31, Matt. 16:27, Mark 13:32, 1 Thes. 3:32, 1 Peter 1:5-13, Jude 14.

THE KAISER IN THE LIGHT OF THE SCRIPTURES.

Sermon Preached By Elder C. H. Mason, Memphis,
Tenn., June 23, 1918—(By Elder Wm. B. Holt,
Secretary to General Overseer).

The baptismal sermon preached by Elder C. H. Mason, General Overseer of the Church of God in Christ, to a vast throng that gathered to witness the baptismal ceremonies at North Memphis.

The Overseer was led to speak of the German Kaiser in the light of the Scriptures, basing his remarks on the vision of the prophet as recorded in the second chapter of Habakkuk—Hab. 2:2, "The Lord answered me and said, 'Write the vision and make it plain.'"

They tell me the Kaiser went into pray, and came out and lifted up his hands and prayed, and afterwards declared war.

Let us see, what did he pray and for what did he pray? Surely, he did not pray thy kingdom come, because the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Rom. 14:17.

If he had been praying for peace he would not have declared war.

The Apostle Paul declared in 1 Tim. 2:1-2, I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men—for kings and for all who are in authority—that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all Godliness and honesty. If he had the spirit of this

prayer he himself would have endeavored to live a peaceful life.

In 1 Tim. 2:8, the apostle again says, I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. This is the attitude to be in while praying—with uplifted hands. The Kaiser prayed in wrath, with the purpose to work wrath, which was a vain prayer, as he had not the spirit of Christ or the authority of the Scriptures. Thus, the prayer of the Kaiser was unscriptural.

He complimented the President, and showed he was in harmony with the Scriptures, as recorded in 1 Kings 8:33-4-4-45.

In his proclamation calling the American people to a day of fasting and prayer, that they might confess their sins and shortcomings and humble themselves before the Lord, in order that they might find favor with him who causes wars to cease and who maketh bare his holy arm in defense of a righteous nation, and was in harmony with him who taught us to pray, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord declared by the mouth of Isaiah, the prophet, Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation that keepeth the truth may enter in—Isa. 26:24.

He now called the attention of his vast audience to the spirit of the Christ that prayed. He quoted from the prayer of the Savior found in the gospel of John 17:15, I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

The Kaiser is praying to the end that evil might come into the world; the Savior prayed that men should not be killed, but that God would keep them from evil.

He declared the Kaiser appeared to be the war beast of Revelations 13, causing all the world to won-

der after the beast, and that his power came not from God, but from the dragon.

He now again referred to the vision of the Prophet Habakkuk, saying the vision was for an appointed time, but at the end of it should speak. He declared that the prophecies were being fast fulfilled, and that present events prove that we are living in the last days and the end was near.

Quoting the fourth verse, Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him.

He declared the events of the present war proved that the soul of the Kaiser was lifted up in him, and in his estimation he was not of God.

Quoting the fifth verse, He is a proud man; neither keepeth at home; he enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations and heapeth unto him all peoples with the Kaiser's ambition to rule the world and the spirit of militarism that possesses him. He is fittingly described in this verse. He does not want to keep at home, but is reaching out hands dripping with the blood of innocent children and defenseless women sent to an untimely death by the barbarous method of submarine warfare, which is out of harmony with all the laws of humanity and fair play and is a violation of all the principles of civilized warfare.

The German Kaiser is seemingly attempting to gather to himself all nations and to rule all peoples. Not satisfied with the rape of Belgium, he has overthrown the governments of Roumania and Montenegro, and through hypocrisy and deceit he betrayed Russia into a disgraceful peace.

Quoting the sixth verse, Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his; shall they not rise up suddenly? that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex

thee? because thou hast spoiled many nations. All the remnant of the people shall spoil thee because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land of the city and all that dwell therein.

Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high; that he may be delivered from the power of evil.

Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.

He declared if any one is building hopes on the victories of the Kaiser in the present war, their hopes are in vain. Although he may conquer nations and devastate cities, in the end he has to meet God, and that the remnant of the Germans and all peoples saved out of the slaughter will rise up against him and cry, Woe unto thee, because thou hast spoiled many nations; the people shall spoil thee.

Jesus Christ came to bring immortality and eternal life to light, to bind up the broken-hearted and bring the glad tidings of salvation from sin and death to a lost and ruined world.

The devilish spirit of the Kaiser that causes women to be ravished, infants to be dashed to pieces and prisoners of war to be tortured and put to death by methods only equaled by the Spanish Inquisition and the persecutions of the Christians under Nero.

He compared this spirit of the Kaiser to the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, and declared that the Kaiser could not be of God, for the scriptures declared, If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his—Rom. 8:9.

Quoting from the gospel of Luke 9:54, And when his disciples James and John saw this they said, Lord, will thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them—even as Elias did? But He turned and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. The disciples spoke as they thought men would do, or should do.

He then quoted the Master's answer (Luke 9:56). The Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Future events showed, before he would kill, he offered up himself, and by his death came peace, and if the Kaiser had been willing to die rather than shed the blood of his fellowmen, we would now have peace.

I cannot understand, after preaching the gospel for twenty years and exhorting men to peace and righteousness, how I could be accused of fellowshiping the anti-Christ of the Kaiser.

Answering the question that has been asked him many times, namely, is it right to buy Liberty Bonds, his reply was, Yes! yes! and he proceeded to define the Liberty Bonds.

What does it mean to buy Liberty Bonds?

It means to lend your country a certain amount of money.

What says the scriptures? Matt. 5:42, Give to him that asketh thee, and from them that borrow of thee turn not away.

Brethren, we are to live by every word of God—Matt. 4:4. Our government is asking us for a loan, and we are in no violation of God's word in granting it, and not only to loan, but loan, hoping for nothing to gain.—Luke 6:35.

I have loaned the government, and have succeeded in raising for the help of the government more than three thousand dollars, in taking out bonds, and as far as I am concerned, the Spiritual injunction stands. I have loaned, hoping for nothing in return.

He prayed for the time to come when the German hordes should be driven back across the Rhine, the independence of Belgium restored and victory of allied armies restoring peace to a war-torn world—especially for the coming of the Prince of Peace and the day when men would beat their swords into plowshares and men would learn to war no more.

THE SONSHIP OF JESUS.

Jesus Christ is the son of God. Matt. 1:21. He is not the father of God but the son of God. Nor is he his own father, for no son has ever begotten himself. But all sons have fathers that begetteth them. So Jesus is the only begotten of the Father (God). John 1:14. God, his Father, took him and made the world and all things therein (John 1:10). I must say here that I do not know anywhere in the Bible that teaches that Jesus was or is the father of God, or his own Father. But he is our Father, of his own will, begot he us with the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures (James 1:18), so to believe that Jesus is the son of God, it is to give us eternal life with him. John 3:15-16. He is God's son and is to save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21; Isaiah 9:6-7. It is said of him, for unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulders and his name shall be called wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. But this text does not say that he was his own Father, but that he was his son and lord, the nature of him that was his Father. So as his Father was everlasting it makes him Jesus everlasting as God, as his Father and he was able to save. He was mighty to save. was God. His Father sent him into the world to save Isaiah 6:1-3. Being the son of an almighty Father, equal with his Father. Phil. 2:6. He is the son in name. Matt. 1:21. He is the son with power. Rom. 1:4. He is the son in faith.. Jel. 2:20. He is the Son in glory of his only begotten of the Father. John

1:14. He is the son of God without begining of days for before the days were he was in the bosom of His Father. John 1:18, and the days were created by him. So he began days and the days did not begin him. He had no end of life. Heb. 7:3. He was put to death in his flesh. But was quickened by the spirit and while his flesh was dead he went and preached to the spirits that were in prison with his endless life that was in the Father. 1 John 5:20.

Oh, what a wonder he gave his body up to death, and the grave at the cross, and his spirit up to the hands of His Father. Luke 23:46. So he lived and died the Son of God. He was raised from the dead by the Father that begot Him. Why do we believe in God that raised Him up from the dead? 1 Peter 1:21.

Elder R. O. Lawson, of Columbus, Ohio, who is in St. Louis now in the convocation of the Church of God in Christ, said that he believed in the sonship of God, and the fatherhood of God, and the Holy Ghost, for God was manifested in. But after Jesus was put to death in the flesh that he was no longer the Son of God, and the scriptures nowhere taught that Jesus was any longer the Son, but was the Lord, that spirit as in II Cor. 3:17. Had the brother not said that the Bible did not teach it. In other words he said that there was nowhere in the Bible that Jesus was the Son after His resurrection. In a little while it was shown that the brother was wrong about the scriptural teaching. I listen to hear the brother say that he had made a mistake in his sayings, but after he heard and seen the scriptures read that showed he was wrong he went away without ever correcting his sayings that were wrong.

Now let us see what saith the scriptures: Rom. 1:3: The spirit of holiness with power by the resurrection from the dead said he was the Son of God. Stephen, full of the Holy Ghost, at his death, seeing

heaven open and Jesus sitting on the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). Many years after his ascension John was taken up in the spirit, on the island of Patmos and saw him and heard him say that he had washed us from our sins in his own blood and had made us kings and priestess unto God and His Father, saying that God was His Father. He said with his eyes like a flame of fire that He was the Son of God. Rev. 2:18. To us His name is Jesus. This is above every name, for he is the savior of us all and God with us. The name son is to God His Father and it is more excellent. Heb. 1:45. For unto which of the angels said he at any time thou art my son. This day have I begotten the son. Expressed his relation to his Father, and Jesus his relation as a brother to us. Heb. 2:11. For both he who sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying I will declare their names unto my Father. Jesus knew His Father, and His name and the greatness of His name. So he came to declare God's name His Father. He did and will declare it. John 17:6-26. Jesus' Father was greater than Him. John 17:28. The Son Jesus died in the flesh and the Father dwelt in the spirit of his son Jesus. John 14:10. Jesus in the flesh died but God in the spirit could not die.

Are there three in the God head? Yes. Well, who are they? The Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. And these are one. 1 John 5:7. Are three that bare witness in the earth? Yes. The spirit, the water and the blood. And these three are agreed in one.

Elder L. A. Bell, of Starkville, Miss., said that Jesus was the name of the God head. But we said the name of the God head, so God is the Father of the God head, and Jesus is the son or word of the God head, and the Holy Ghost is the glory of his all

being in the God head. Oh, what a wonder. Baptizing in Jesus' name, is it right? Yes, it is right. But it is only right when it is done like Jesus said to do it. How did Jesus say to do it? He said in Matt. 28:19, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. This is the only way that Jesus ever commanded it to be done while He was on earth, and He never did say after He went to heaven for it to be changed by anyone or at any time. For it was given to Him from God, His Father, just like it should be said. Hear him in St. John 12:49-50: For I have not spoken of myself, but of the Father that hath sent me. He gave me a commandment what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His commandments are life everlasting whatsoever I speak. Therefore, even as the Father said unto me so I speak. The Father said to Jesus like Jesus said it and He said in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. I can say for me that I believe it was said right and it is right now and will be so until the end of the world.

What do we baptize for? We are baptized for the dead. 1 Cor. 15:29. Else what shall they do that are baptized for the dead if the dead rise not at all? Why, then, are they baptized for the dead? Our baptism in the name of the Father and the Son shows that while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son. So being reconciled we shall be saved by His life. Rom. 5:10. So we confess in baptism the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, unto death and in all life to live will be the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, so these three agree in heaven and in the earth.

Who can say that God and His Son Jesus and the Holy Ghost did not know how to count. They said that three was three in heaven, but some of the wise

to today say that they see it better. God saw three and said three. But the one in the God head some people say they only see one, and it could not be more than three. So God said three made three. So God said three. Then if God has said three then I would see anyone contradict His saying by making them one, only in agreement. But we may only see them one this way and cannot make them three. The one in the God head. Some people are undertaking to show God His wrong sayings. Who can say He erred. So if there is not three in heaven as He said. There is not three in the earth as He said. 1 John 5:7-8. Jesus is the Son of God and is the only mediator between God and men. 1 Tim. 2:5. Jesus, God's Son, could be seen, but God, His Father, no man has ever seen. St. John 1:18. No man has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father He has declared Him first, John 4:12. He is anti-Christ that denieth the Father and the Son. John 2:2. Whosoever denieth the Father hath not the Son, verse 23. So to say that Jesus is not the Son of God is trying to make God a liar. Because he believeth not the record that God gave His Son. 1 John 5:10. Our eternal life is in His son. Verse 11. He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son hath not life. Verse 12. We overcome the world when we believe that Jesus is the Christ or the Son of God. 1 John 5:4-5. The Father sent the Son, the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:14. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son, God dwelleth in him and he in God.

ELDER C. H. MASON.

December 5, 1919.

Let the heart say yes to God. Let His loving tenderness help, his will bringing where it is Jesus.' Speaking to hearts that are troubled, Jesus, all wisdom, my soul pleadeth. Help me; let my prayers ascend. Help me.

Speak the words of God's light; tell me how to keep right, raising me out of my shame.

God in Jesus strengthening the children. The spirit of thy presence of the Lord. Thou understandeth my grief, thou understandeth thy servant. God grant me say yes to thee and forgive the sins of thy people. Satan, the day of death. God rebuke thee. Oh, Jesus! God's will. Let thy way be in the temple. Tell us how the Son of God became our help and let thy presence come to the poor. Loosen these from the mystery of death. We pray for the kingdom of God to come and we wait for the help of his presence.

Lord, we are glad you are here. Let thy beauty fill the earth and heal all thy children's bodies. Let my spirit rest while I am resting in thee. Let the blood cover us all day in Jesus' name.

God lifts up, God throws down; he kills and makes alive. He is the Christ in the will for man. The loss of knowing God in prayer has caused man to lose control of the government. Ps. 127-1. 1 Samuel 2:6.

It is yours to show to governors and to rulers, GOD, THE WATCHMAN over all. If they want to know concerning heaven or hell, they must know through God's minister. His qualifications, coming from God, his anointing through the Holy Ghost (read Acts 1:8) filled with the fullness of God in the spirit. Ministers of the new covenant. 2 Cor. 3:6.

Jesus Christ, the fruit of God's mind, quickening the children's mind.

Preferring to be like Jesus, NOW CONQUER; speaking to the sea: "Peace, be still."

The enemy is now overthrowing because of lack of prayer among God's ministers. The glory of God's greatness has come unto us; humble yourself that God may exalt you in due time. 1 Peter 5:6. Rulers know not the value of prayer for them nor the glory of God.

God is now guiding men in the way. Beautiful to see, righting words in the mind and thoughts in the heart. In the glory of signs, telling what shall be at hand. See God, and be on time. Be faithful in your prayers. Watchful everywhere. These are trying days. Christ our comfort, seek the mighty hand of love. Finding him in the mind, looking for evil times, Jesus brings men in His name, putting his beauty in the soul, his wonders abounding in the will, the peace of Christ in the heart. Let evil take her time. Your souls shall be watered. All who are now waiting for praise, look! God will bring you into where he will do. Jesus, the light of the world, making intercession for the saints helping our infirmities. The light of God's all day guiding you. Brethren, be strong, for the light of God is to draw us in this way. God doing a wonder gathering us together in the spirit. Wisdom is among us to give every man what is his due. Pray that the word may have free course delivering us out of the hand of every wicked and evil man. God in us praying in the Holy Ghost ministering the truth to all. What the Lord does is so great in the mind of his own, bringing souls from the snares.

Father, thou drawest men letting them come, and keeps the heart of the believers. The light of God—come—help. The little ones saying "I come." My soul loving to come I'm trusting Thy name will help.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1919.

INVOCATION.

Father, thou openeth the gates of thy wonders, making us enjoy the gift of the Christ, his word standing. When the wicked comes against us the power of thy word is for us.

Open the gates of thy wisdom for us and rebuke the power of the wicked against us. In the glory of Thy council we stand. The Christ of thy word has made us stand.

We see the door of thy mystery. Let the poor confess their sins and see the glory of thy resurrection. Thy goodness and greatness is among the daughters. Fill these with the fullness of Christ. Bless us with light and prudence in the power of the Holy Ghost. The presence of God is with us and the blood prevails. Anoint us so we will in Thy pity come to thee.

Bless those who have died to sin finding Christ in the spirit.

We enjoy saying the Lord gives us the living bread. Look to God, be faithful to God, and say no more. I can't. God comes in you to do. Humble yourselves that Christ may be your portion.

Speaking from a sign of God (a cleaver). The day of the Lord never comes till the signs of the Lord appear. Man in God's hand in a sign. Thou art my battleaxe, my weapon of war. Jer. 51.20. God's wonders coming, doing a strange work. Ministers of God preaching the word out of season and in season. Not using swords imposing on God's little lambs.

God standing a wonder in man. Who can hinder God; his wonders are telling. We delight to see Jesus in signs. Confirming us out from snares. Jesus, great God at hand. His word telling about his ways bringing us out from the mystery of evil. Watching for his wonders; telling God, I believe.

Scriptures are signs of the only Christ, the glory of God. From the Scriptures Jesus spoke to the minds of the people, and they looked at Him and marveled. Jesus showing forth the wisdom of God. Jesus the sign spoken against. Luke 2:34. Jesus, a sign overturning the evil time; gathers the nation with His understanding and binds His children together as one. Jesus, the wonder among the nations, having done the work He came to do. Earth owned Him. When His soul was offered, His glory was upon Him. He was a Prince and a Son to rule. He obtained favor of the Father, though evil hearts abused Him. Through unbelief He cried out mercy for them who knew not what they did. The world looked on Him in a wonder. The sign of God's long-suffering. The sun, in obedience, acknowledged the Son of God's love and veiled His face. Darkness formed over the mountains, the earth trembled and said it is the Son of God. The veil in the temple parted itself from top to bottom. The mystery of God's greatness. Saints of God on earth. God's signs and wonders, witnesses of His glory and return. Jesus Christ, persecuted, led to the cross, crucified and said not a word; even so shall the children who are baptized in the glory of His death, be persecuted, tarred and feathered, imprisoned, lied on, and killed. Signs that their redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:28. Hated of all men for my namesake. The children of God hated because they enjoy wisdom from on high. Hating them because they love their enemies and pray for them that despitefully use them.

These signs follow believers (Mark 16:17-18). The people receiving the Holy Ghost have something which the world cannot understand. The comforter proceeding from the Father going on in us. and through us thrilling us. Earth testify to the short-

age of the Church, knowing nothing of the greatness of God. All praise to God. Having found the faith, baptized in Him, I'm telling the story of Him. He is God for you; He is God to do. He is your life, the only help now we show. Pouring upon us the help of His power and love. Accept Him in-might, saying God it is right. Ask the Lord for help the more. Looking for God to guide the soul.

INVOCATION IN PART

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1919.

"Bless us, Lord, in thy will today,
Speak to the mind of the poor today;
While they look for God all day,
Anoint them to come to thee and pray."

Hand of the great one confirm thy word. They are now distressed, but God is their light. Tell them how to come away from sin. Morning of thy presence, come to help.

SPEAKING TO THE AFFLICTED

You may have Jesus be in you, come. You may have Jesus be in you, help. His delight is in the Son, saying to everyone, come. Now it is yours to come, drawing you to Him in the spirit filled with the knowledge of the Son that lives for the poor. A help to all who believe; saying, "My God, thou canst deliver, I'm trusting." The name of Jesus, healing everywhere. The Lord God in power heals. Have faith in God; the Lord maketh thy bodies whole.

MESSAGE IN PART

These are the days of the Lord's great wonders, showing us He is God with us now.

The wonder of the word comforts the heart. He

is here in the spirit. Look to God and give up for His will to be in you. He comes with his compassion; give yourselves to rejoice in the love of the King, for He accepts every believer. Be watchful. He confirms His word and we are filled with the fullness of His Word, crying: "Abba Father." Accept the gift of God by the day. See that His will is done, asking Him for your souls, your bodies, and your wills. Great is God in the evening and in the morning. Speaking to the beauty of His love with the name Jesus in the heart.

He that does call you has called you; we bear the likeness of the Son of God, and we are not ashamed.

He is showing you in, calling you in to the grace and glory of God.

Every part of you having the word of the Lord in you. Watch now and have faith in the Lord.

God has called us to be spiritual people filled up with Him.

Be strong, that you come not together for shame, but for the glory of God and the name of Jesus to be exalted. He invites our wills to delight ourselves in Him, for we are conquerors through Him that loved us. Rom. 8:37.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Ps. 23. "A Son over His own house; whose house we are." He that rolled the heavens out as a garment, fixed the rivers, kills and make alive, brings away from the grave, delivered Israel, is our shepherd, from everlasting to everlasting.

Before the morning spread his wings He was God. He has a shepherd's loving care. We came out of Him and we are looking back to Him. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God has begotten us, giving strength to the womb so there is no spiritual miscarriage. The mystery of

His greatness, the peace of His name rises up in us glorifying His name.

In the language of the psalmist, we say "the Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want." Ps. 23:1.

Speaking from a stone: He is a stone of power in the mind and of justice.

The good shepherd of His flock, and a stranger they will not follow. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also must I bring." John 10:16.

The saints of God setting up with holiness because through it tumors have been healed, deaf ears have been unstopped, the lame have walked, dead raised; the Church waiting for their brother coming in the glory of the Father.

Behold, He is coming! The nations seeing Him coming. Coming in the "flu," coming in the wars, putting us together in Him. He, our Shepherd in Spirit and in will. Every part of us being tried. Amen.

We are standing with God, one in Him. God wills for us to be like Him. Found. Asking for help, the blood making us one, baptized into the whereabouts with Christ, His Son, filled with His truth.

God's wonder in you, His praise in you; you can tell the nations God is your God.

The gospel takes away our pain. Jesus is the day. The end is near. Thank God, the word is now come, giving us a right to say, Jesus. Signs coming confirming the word.

Speaking of baptism: John's baptism in Jordan made him great in the sight of men, but he that is great in the kingdom is greater than John. Jesus Christ's baptism comes on and comes in; coming to abide forever. Gal. 3:27. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." John did not baptize into Christ, but into Jordan.

Jesus gives one baptism. Eph. 4:4-5. "There is one body and one spirit, one Lord, one faith and one baptism." I Cor. 12:13. Not water-wet converts, but God-made converts in Christ. II Cor. 5:17. The word of God making him a new man." Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Eph. 6:14-15.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is Jesus, "and when He comes He will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment." John 16:8.

Lynchings are being carried on because the preachers are leading the people away from the reproof of God and not to the glory of God. They are cowards until they are baptized with Jesus' baptism.

The power of anointing given to the ministers of God, showing them how to do, and a way to do, filled with the Holy Ghost.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the putting on more power and receiving the glory of God.

Baptized in the spirit by Jesus fills the mind and quickens the spirit, teaching you all things, going on from glory to glory.

Signs of God coming to us from the earth, in minerals and in vegetation. He leaves us not in darkness, for He withholds no good things from us. God planting and growing us together: the word in the mind, and Christ all over us.

ELDER C. H. MASON.

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Ordination.

The Chief Apostle and General Overseer, a Department General Superintendent and any State Overseer may at any time or place ordain Elders or commission Evangelists in the Church of God in Christ. Such persons, having been ordained, will be given a certificate of ordination, with the seal of the church affixed, authorizing them to preach the gospel, solemnize matrimony, baptize believers, administer the sacrament, officiate at funerals and perform all other functions pertaining to the office of Elders.

Such Elders and Evangelists are to be present at

state assembly, or if not able to be present, to send in a written report of their work and labors to the State Overseers or Department General Superintendent.

Trinity.

We believe in the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Father.

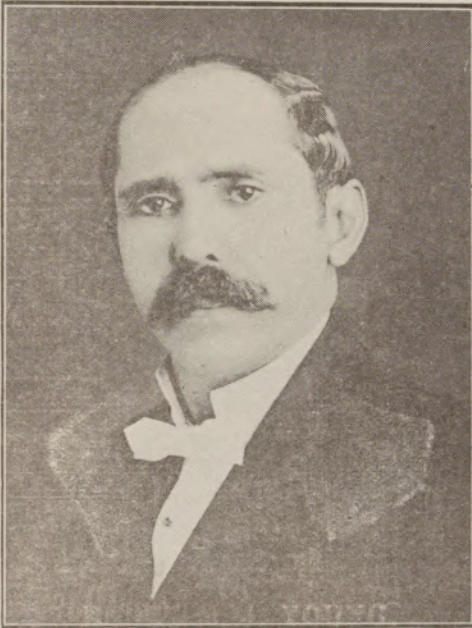
We believe in God the Father, Almighty the Author and Creator of all things.

The Son.

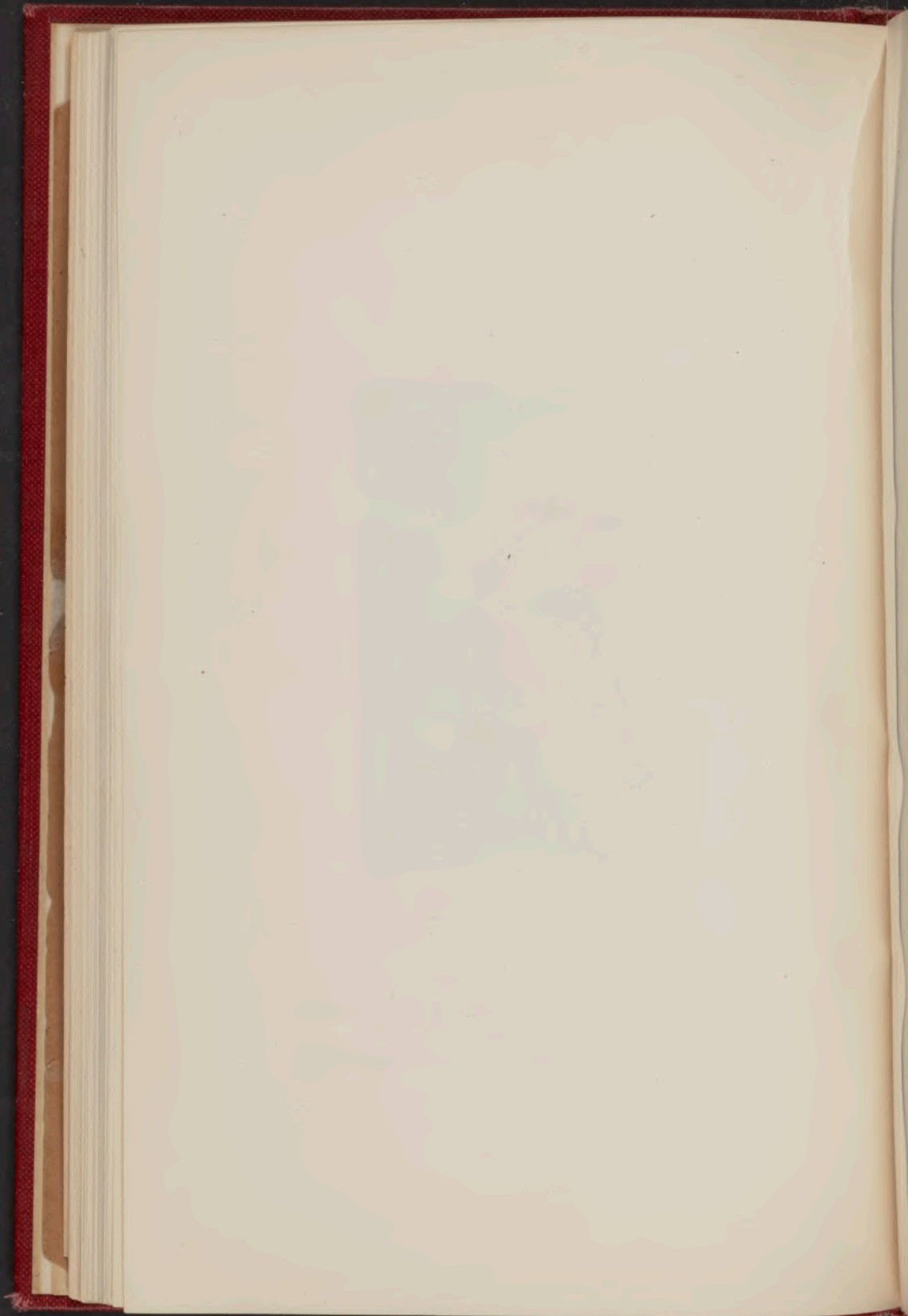
We believe that Jesus Christ was, and is, the Son of God, co-equal in wisdom, power and holiness with the Father, and that through His atonement the world is saved from sin and reconciled to God.

The Holy Spirit.

We believe in the personality of the Holy Spirit, that He proceedeth from the Father and the Son, and that He is co-equal in power with the Father and the Son, and that He is the executive of the Trinity through which the plan of salvation is carried on in the earth.

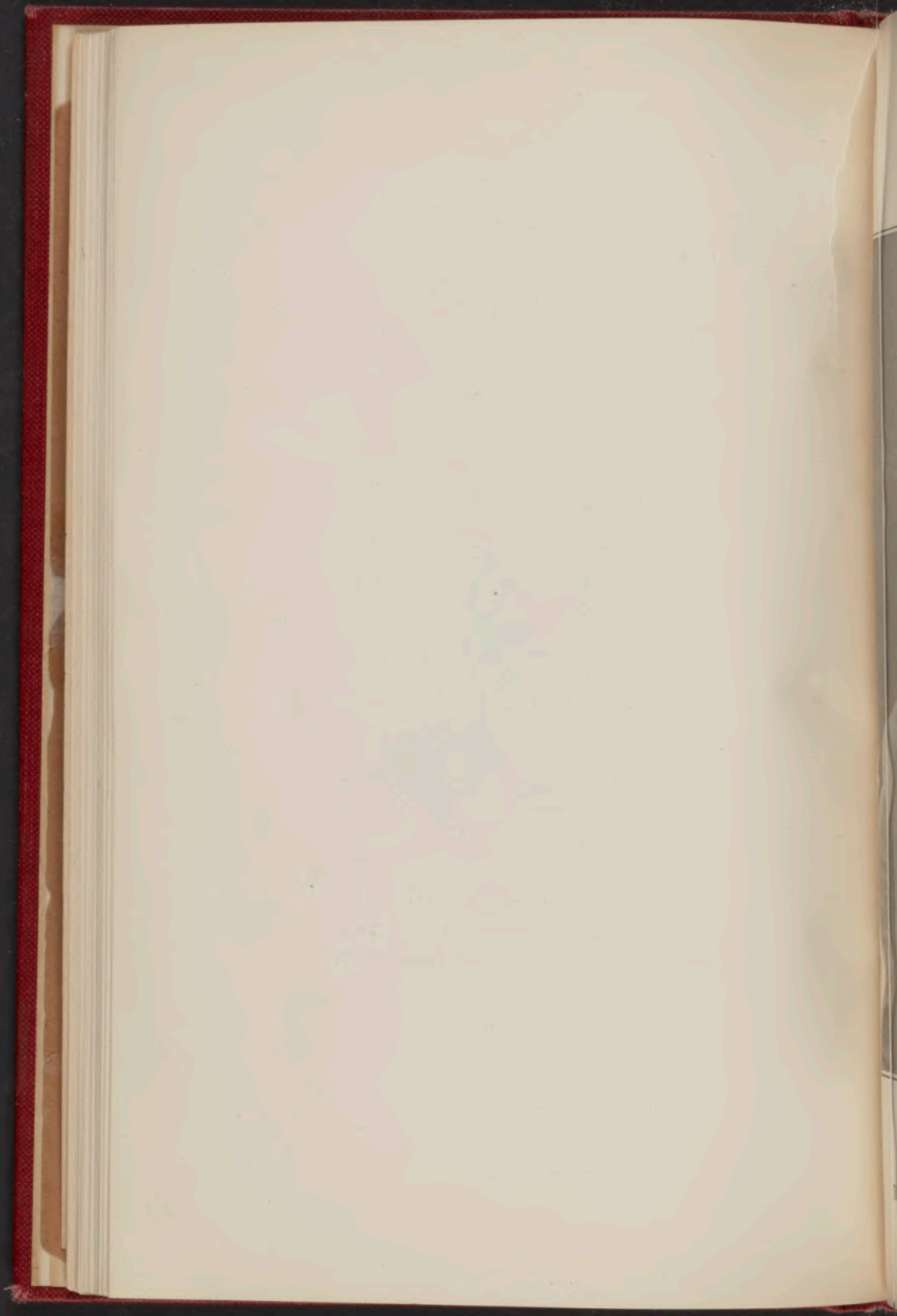


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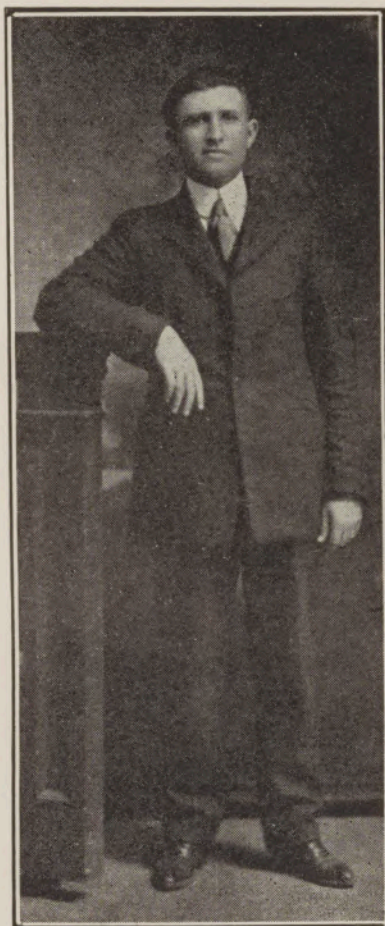


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THE END

THE END OF THE WORLD



ELDER S. T. SAMUEL.

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King Jesus Christ, God's Son, is Governor Among the Nations—Authority From the Governor.

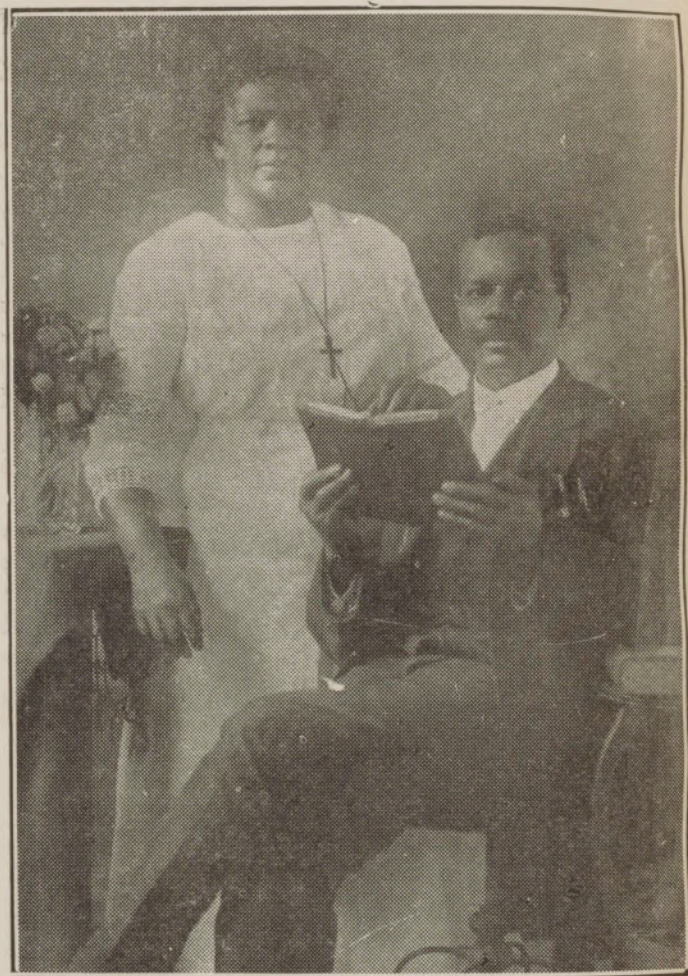
St. Matthew 2:6.

"Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases, and He sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." St. Luke 9:1-2. "THUS SAITH THE LORD, I, even I, am He that comforteth you. Who art thou that you shouldest be afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man that should be of grass?" Isaiah 51:12. "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Isaiah 45:22. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment shall condemn?" Isaiah 54:17. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David and the bright and morning star." Rev. 22:16. Even so come Lord Jesus in thy glory.

Jesus says: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Great is God; His name is great in all the earth. Holy Father, in Jesus' name, I ask you, bless all men. Bless every nation. Bless the earth. Let thy peace go everywhere. Let Satan be rebuked and bound and cast out of the earth. Let thy kingdom come. Let sickness and sorrow, and pains, and death be rebuked away from thy people, in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Samuel was baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire in Memphis, Tenn., at 392 South Wellington St. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

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ELDER S. H. JONES AND WIFE
General Evangelists for the Churches of God in Christ

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELDER HENRY FELTUS

Overseer of the Church of God in Christ
of the State of Louisiana.

I was born December 15th, 1877, in Wilkerson County, Centerville, Miss., on the Emery Plantation. I was reared up among many more in that place. My father and mother, my brothers and sisters, were members of the Baptist church and as soon as I was large enough they carried me along with them to church. When I was sixteen years of age I was converted and of course I knew of no other church, so I joined the Baptist church, of which all my family were members, and I was baptized in water and I walked in the light I had, but it was not very long before I began to realize that the people had backslidden, and I also had backslidden, and that they were all out of the way. I became grieved but knew not what to do, but God knew that my heart was thirsting for righteousness. The church to which I belonged, and all others as far as I could see, grew worse and worse; the Lord knew that I was tired of stumbling and falling, and that I wanted to find the better way.

In 1905 the Lord blessed a Sanctified preacher to come through where I was, and showed me God did not call me to uncleanness but to holiness. 1 Thes. 4:7. And that if I came out from among them, and be separated, and touch not the unclean things, I would be received. 2 Cor. 6:17-18.

In 1907 I obeyed my call and the Lord sanctified me. Then they all turned against me, as Jesus said they would do; but God was my strength.

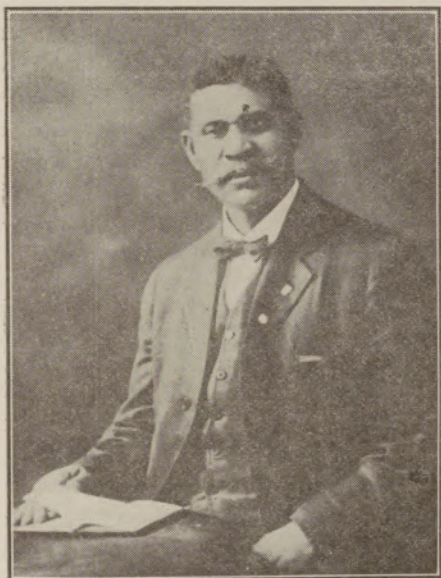
The Baptist people of the church to which I belonged wanted to put me to death, but God delivered me out of their hands and made me to stand and mightily convinced them that it was God.

Many were obedient to God and He established a church there. Then I went to Gloster, Miss., and He used me to get out the people at that place. I was only sanctified, so in 1910 God sent Brother Mason to Baton Rouge, La., and I met him there for the first time. He preached of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

In 1912 I was called to Baton Rouge to take charge of the church there and the Lord began to use me in delivering the people from false doctrines and establishing new fields.

After going through many trials I was made overseer of the churches in the state of Louisiana in 1914.

Now there are about twenty-five congregations and many church houses built, and God is still doing greater work.



ELDER E. M. PAGE

LIFE AND WORK OF ELDER E. M. PAGE.

I was born in Yazoo County, Miss., May 19, 1871. I stayed on the farm until I was twenty-three. My father's name is Richard Page and my mother's is Poly Ann Page. I was converted in 1884 or 1885. At this time neither of my parents was converted. Yet they always taught us to pray night and morning, go to Sabbath school and also to go to church. I belonged to Union Paradise A. M. E. church in Yazoo County, Miss. Elder Mose Bailey was pastor. Not hearing a full gospel, I soon realized that I had backslidden from God. I often wondered why the joy and happiness that I once possessed had vanished.

Being the oldest boy, I had to work on the farm, and I was deprived of an education. In 1894 I left Mississippi and went to Jackson, Tenn., where I lived until 1903. When I arrived in Jackson I knew no one, and had but a few dollars. I got a cab and went to Mr. Lancaster's boarding house on South Liberty St., where I spent one night. The next day I walked up town, where I met a man by the name of Jeff Roberson, who lived on North Royal Street. As I talked with him I found that one of my playmates from Mississippi had roomed with him while attending Lane College. He said, 'Come go home with me; if you are a friend of Hillard's you are mine, too.' I went home with him and met his sweet little family. He made me so welcome that I said, 'I have only a few dollars, but I will pay you when I get work.' He said, 'Eat every time the table is set, money or no money.' That made me feel good. In my feeble understanding, I thanked the Lord. I knew it was His hand. This was during the great Pullman strike. Work was scarce, so I hired to Mr. Roberson to work his truck farm for

\$10 a month and board. I worked seven months, at the end of which he owed me sixty dollars.

On Oct. 18, 1894, I secured a permanent job in the Illinois Central Railroad shop. I soon worked myself up to car inspector and repairer. My record today in service for that company is without a mark against me.

In 1902 God stirred my soul to pray. I served as an officer in the A. M. E. for years, but my soul desired a greater and deeper experience. I prayed and sought the Lord. He showed me a vision. I saw a man and a woman coming from the east with a Bible in his hand. He said: "I'm preaching the everlasting gospel," and took his hand down. In a short time a man and his wife came to Jackson and preached Holiness in front of my door. I believed it from the first. In October 1902, I received the experience of Sanctification. This Bro. Milam preached a clean life, divine healing, but not the full gospel. But it was so much richer than any I had ever heard, I accepted it. In 1903 I went to Memphis, Tenn., where I met precious Elder C. H. Mason. His teaching was quite different from what I had heard. Bro. Milam did not believe in water baptism, sacrament nor foot washing. In fact, he did not believe in any ordinances of the Bible.

I shall not forget the first sermon I heard Bro. Mason preach on Virginia Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. His text was, "He has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." It seemed like heaven had come down to us. In 1907 the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Amen. Before I received the baptism I realized my call to the ministry, and when He baptized me my heart was made willing, and I said, yes to God.

In 1911 I left the job that paid a good salary to preach the gospel. I could not see how I could sup-

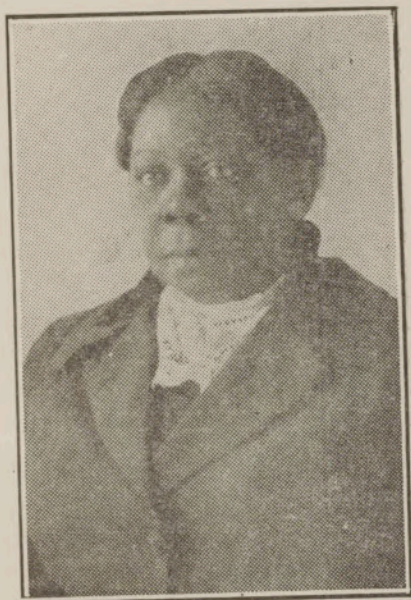
port my wife and five children, but I took God by faith. I preached in Mississippi for days and weeks with no income. I met with all the discouragement a young minister could meet with, but God bade me press on. Sometimes my brethren said to me, "Bro. Page, you had better get you a job and go to work and take care of your family. That would hurt my heart. I would ask the Lord, "What shall I do?" My trousers were worn and patched, my shoes had holes in them, and my family was in need. God moved on the hearts of someone and they sent me eight dollars, which I sent to my wife. I prayed and waited on God until He turned the hearts of the people. They began to bless me and to supply my needs. I had the test of my life in the beginning of my ministry. My life was threatened and I was shot at, but the Lord wonderfully took care of me.

In January, 1914, I was called to Texas to take charge of the work at Dallas, which was in a back-slidden state, being without proper attention. In July I met my first state convocation in Texas, which was in Houston. This meeting was quite a coming together of the Lord's people. The Spirit, through our chief apostle, appointed me as State Overseer. Thank God, I can say I have not caused him to regret the appointment. These five years I have endeavored to prove my works. In 1914, we had twenty-five missions in the state and not one church house in the whole state that was worth anything. In five years we had about eighty churches and missions and about thirty-five or more creditable churches. The church property at Dallas and Houston is worth \$20,000. All glory to our blessed Christ. Pray for Brother Page, that I may keep in the center of His will.

Yours for the Master,

ELDER E. M. PAGE,

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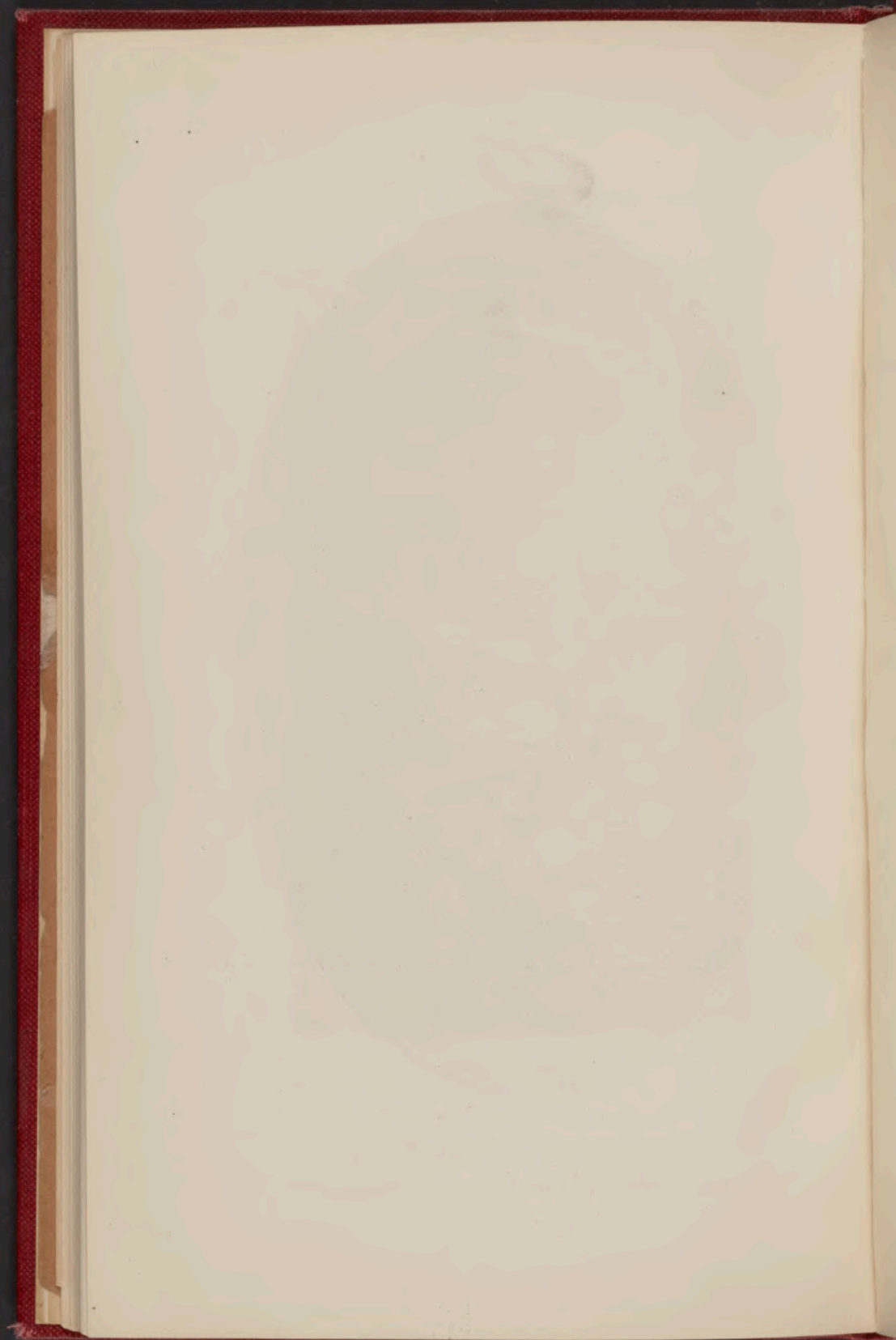
MOTHER ROBERSON

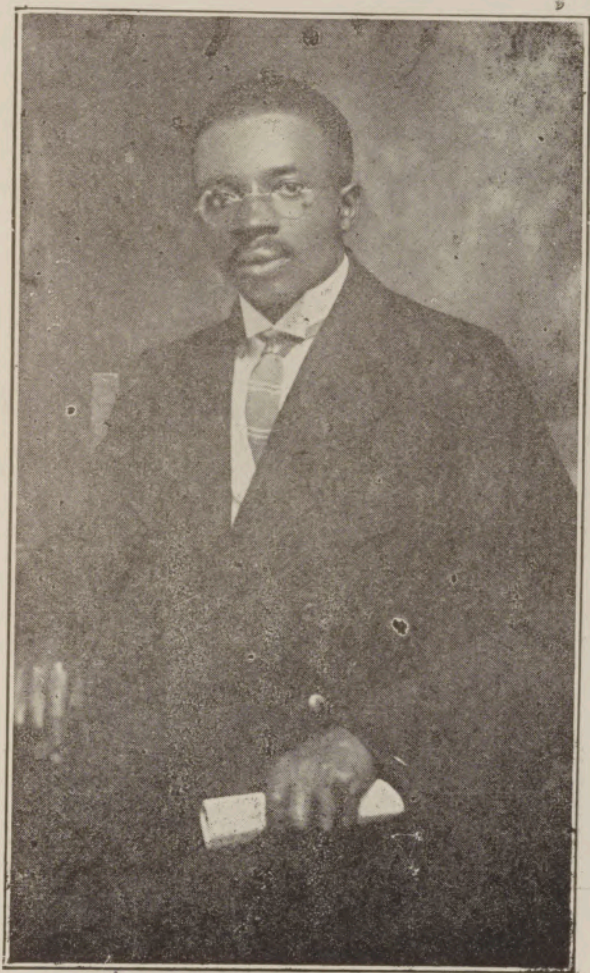
ELECT LADY LIZZIE ROBERSON.

Elect Lady Roberson was born a slave on April 5, 1860, in Phillips County, Arkansas. At the end of the war she became a free child. Her mother, left a widow with five children, after the awful struggle of the Civil War, had upon her the responsibility of caring for her five fatherless children. Her mother was not able to read, but she sent the children to school. Sister Roberson began reading the Bible at the age of eight years. Her mother would call in her friends and have Sister Roberson read the Bible to them. This she continued to do until the day of her death. When the daughter was fifteen, the mother went over to join an innumerable company who had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, and the now orphan girl was left to make her own way in the world. But she never forgot her mother's teaching. In 1881 she was married to Mr. Wood, and soon after the birth of her first child she was converted to the Lord. In 1892 she joined the Baptist church at Pine Bluff, Ark. In 1901 she saw, by reading a little paper called "Hope," published by Sister J. P. Moore, that she needed a deeper life, and at the age of 41 years she sought and obtained the experience of sanctification. She was so used of the Lord that she was sent to the Baptist Academy to finish her education and was afterwards made matron of the school. Under the preaching of Elder D. W. Welk, in Dermont, Ark., she came in contact with the Church of God in Christ. In May, 1911, General Overseer Mason held a meeting in the academy and she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She left the Baptist church and worked with Dr. Hart in Trenton and Jackson, Tenn. At the general convocation in Memphis she was appointed overseer of the woman's work.

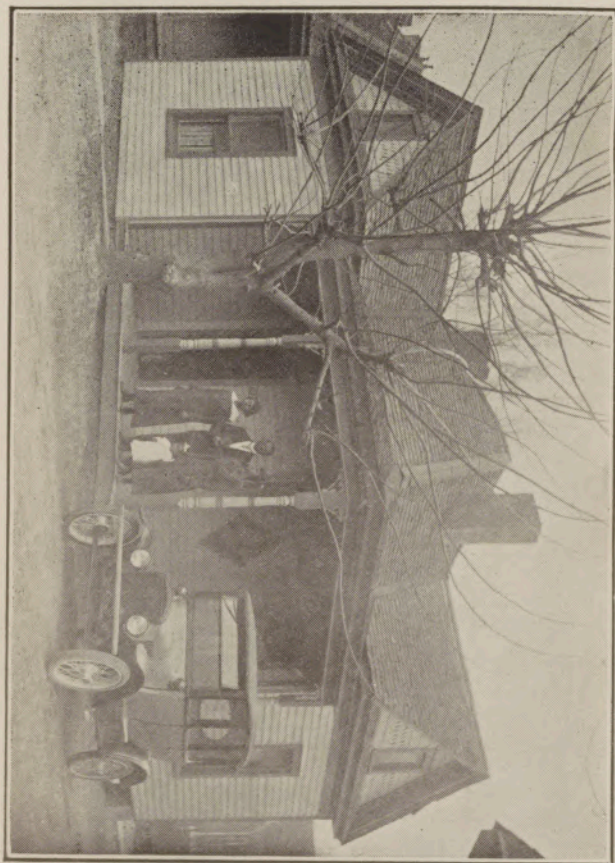


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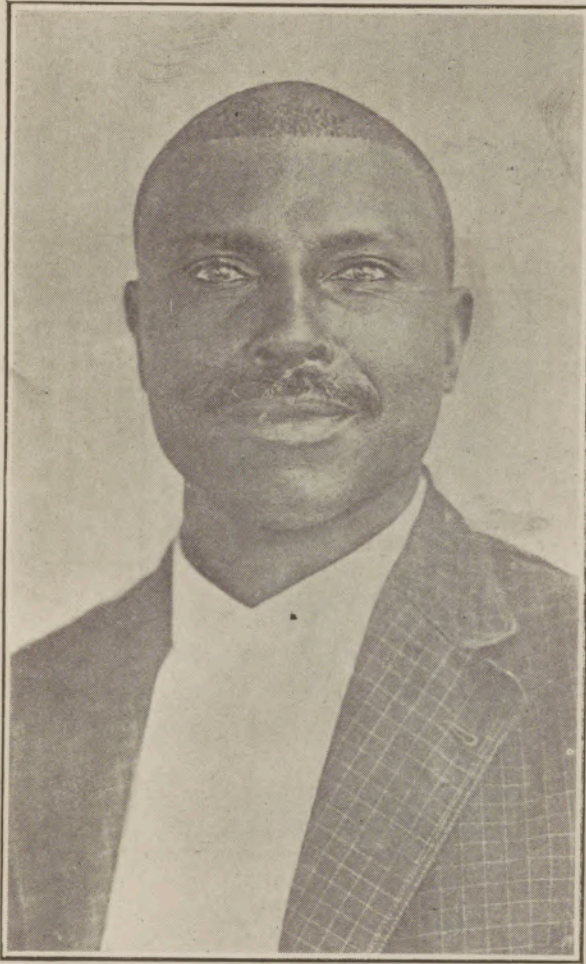




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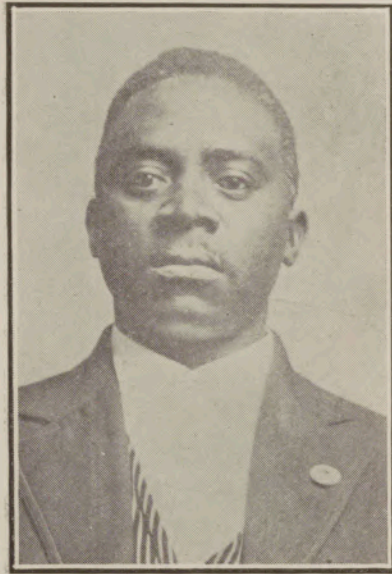


Elder A. B. McEwen's Residence



For nearly twenty years these words have been fulfilled through our dear Brother C. H. Mason, who has devoted his time, energy and care to teach us the way of the Lord, by which we have been promoted in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord. Let us continue in this way.

ELDER. H. M. MIMS,
Route 1, Box 5, Lexington, Miss.



ELDER FRED WYNNI.

LIFE OF ELDER J. E. BRYANT AND SKETCH
OF ELDER C. H. MASON.

I was converted when a boy fifteen years old, but like many others, I strayed away from it. In the year 1905, I was reconverted and in 1908 I received a license from the Baptist church to preach. In 1910 I was elected moderator of the executive board of the Lone Star Association, and was ordained. But in the same year I heard the gospel, which was the power of God unto salvation to me. In 1915 I was identified with the Church of God in Christ. I find it to be the greatest movement on earth. I find Elder C. H. Mason to be a Moses for the people of God. Since God makes men great, it is not too much to say that he is the greatest spiritual man in the world.

Most humbly your servant,

ELDER J. E. BRYANT,

Temple, Tex.

JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, SAT DOWN ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

Hebrew 19:12.

He sat down upon the throne, and said: "Behold, I make all things new," and He said unto me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." Rev. 21:5.

Thus saith the Lord, "For behold I create a new heaven and a new earth and the former shall not be remembered nor come into mind; be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create. For behold I create Jerusalem rejoicing and her people joyful, and I will rejoice in Jerusalem and joy in my people." Isaiah 65:17-19.

Thus saith the Lord, "Will a man rob God?" Yet ye have robbed me." But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings; ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith. Saith the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open ye the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground." Mal. 3:8-11.

Thus saith the Lord, "The land shall not be sold forever, for the land is mine and ye are strangers." Lev. 25:13. And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruits of the trees, is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord, and if a man will at all redeem aught of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. Lev. 27:30-31.

The Lord called Samuel and anointed him with the Holy Ghost and gave him power and ordained

him to receive the tithes of all nations. The Holy Ghost said by the mouth of Bro. Bailey, a precious old man, who walks and talks with God and prays always. The Spirit of the Lord spake by him and said: I have annointed this young man, Brother Samuel, and ordained him to receive the tithes from all nations. The whole nation owes tithes to God; from 'way back they owe their tithes. This was not Samuel of the old testament, but Samuel whom the Lord Jesus Christ did baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. He speaks as the Spirit of the Lord gives him utterance. Also the Spirit of the Lord spake great things of Elder C. H. Mason, the precious man whom the Lord did so greatly bless, and made him a wonder in the earth. God's humble man, the Spirit of the Lord spoke of Mason by the mouth of Brother Bailey. The Spirit said that he was a meek and humble man, one whom the Lord Jesus did baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. This was done in the city of God in the new Jerusalem. Jesus said, "Behold I come quickly, even so come Lord Jesus."

Holy Father, I do thank you in Jesus' holy name for thy rich blessing, that thou didst give me in Jesus' Holy name. Now, Holy Father, Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died to save us from all sins, I pray thee that thou would let peace abide everywhere. O, do let the evil spirit be east out of the earth, and let thy peace abide in the earth everywhere! In Jesus' Holy name, I ask thee to let thy joy be in the hearts of all thy people. O, I pray for all men and for all people and kindred and nations! O, do bless them in Lord Jesus' name! Thou art the only true God, thou art holy, thou art the God and aFther of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thou art the only true God, there is no other God like thee, holy is thy name. Holy Father, I do thank thee for the whole earth. O, do let sickness be taken away from in the midst of thy people

in Jesus' name! I pray.

This prayer was prayed in Jesus' name by the Holy Ghost in St. Samuel whom the Lord Jesus gave power over the nations, as He said He would do. This man Samuel was the glory of God and the Lord blessed him and gave him power over the nations as he said, in Rev. 2:25-29.

Samuel was a man to whom God gave the spirit of prayer to pray for all men. Thus saith the Lord, Blessed are they that doeth His commandments, that the God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus they may enter through the gates into the city. Jesus died that they may have right to the tree of life. I am the root and the offspring of David and the bright and morning star. Rev. 22:14-16. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

This was publicly done in the Holy Convocation, November, 1915.

From the city of God, the new Jerusalem; even so come Lord Jesus.

Sweet Jesus, King of Saints. Saint Samuel.

392 S. Wellington St., Memphis, Tenn.

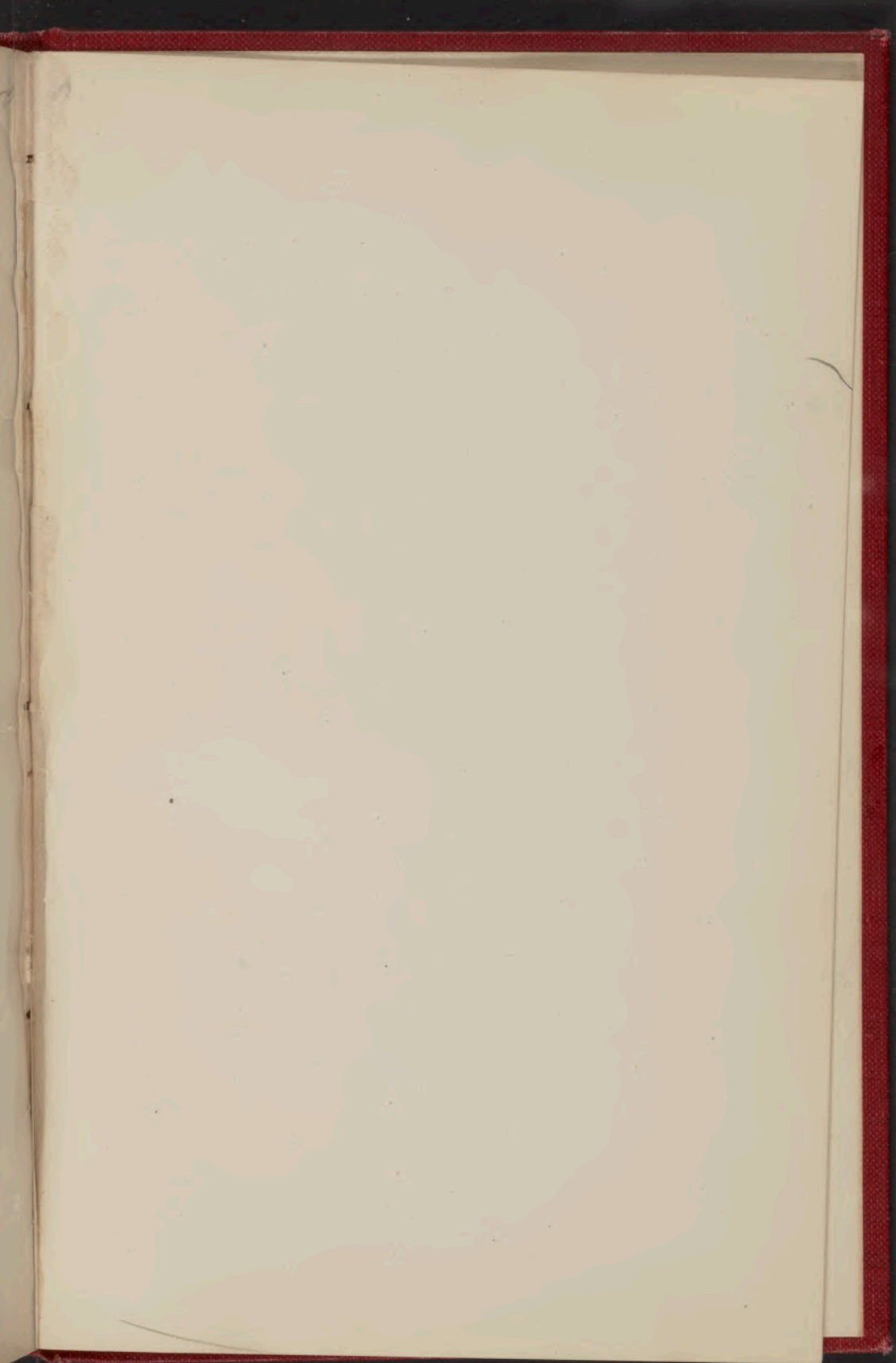
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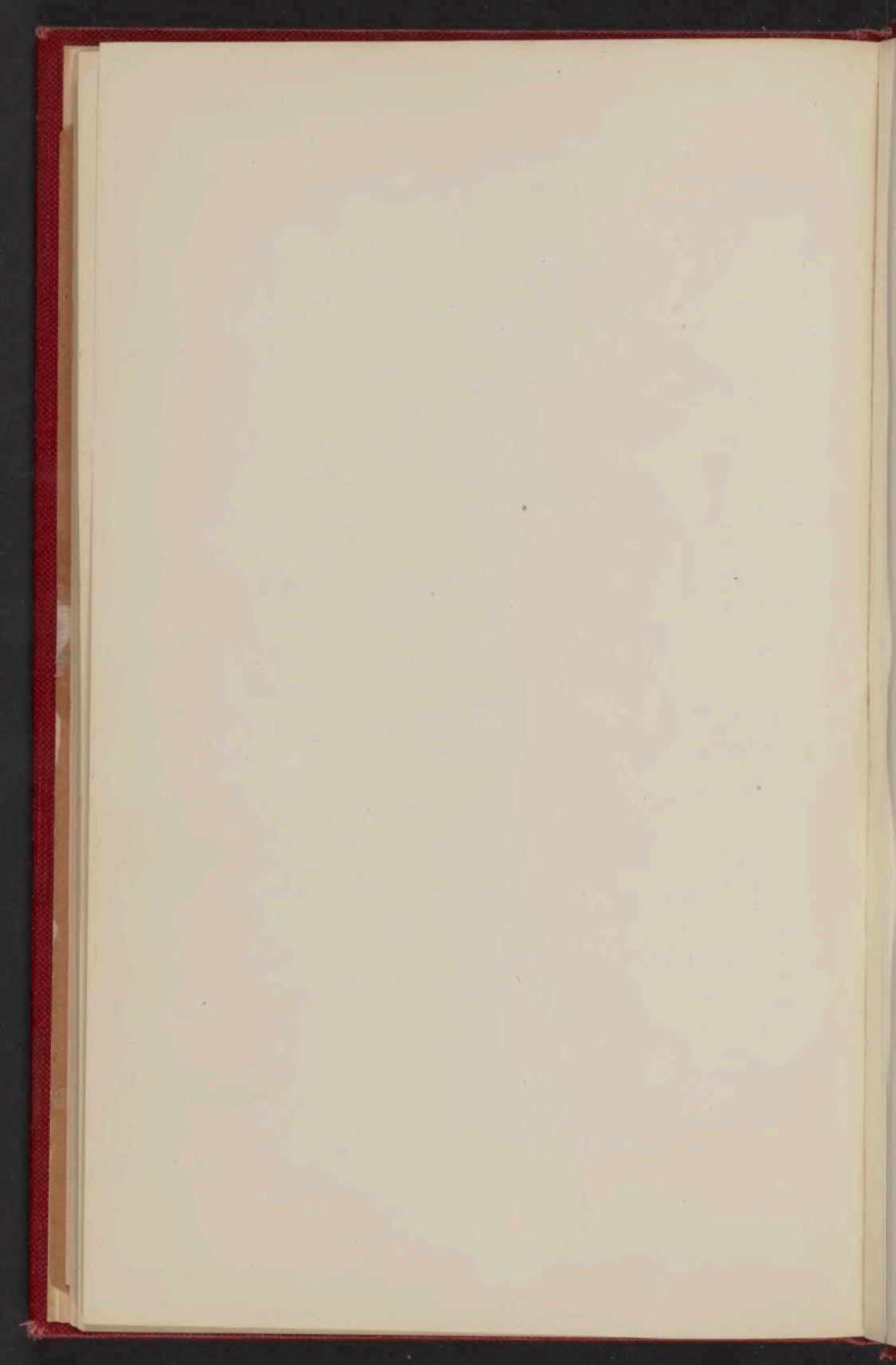
**State Overseer of the Churches of God in Christ in
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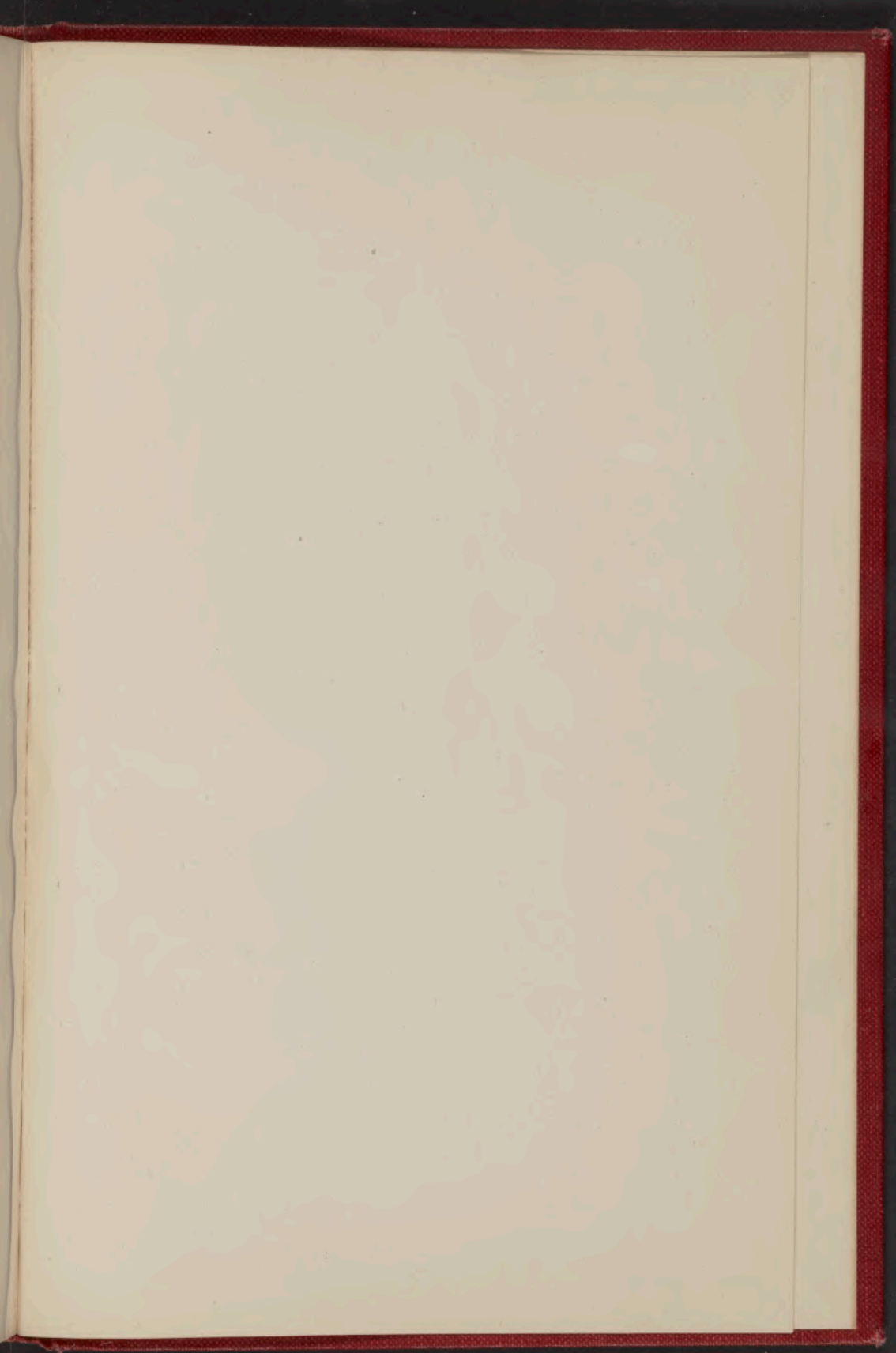
Elder Mack E. Jonas was born in the state of Alabama, October 30, 1885. When he was twenty years old he was converted and sanctified to God, on the 20th day of April, 1906, in Los Angeles, Cal., at the Apostolic Faith Mission on Azast St. He labored faithfully in the cause of Christ. The same year, in 1906, on Oct. 23, he felt his call to preach the gospel. On the 24th day of May, 1907, he left California and went to Georgia, and there he labored and suffered for the cause of Christ in the city of Atlanta, Ga., until the Lord saved many souls through the word preached by him for His name-sake. In June, 1909, he met the convocation of the Church of God in Christ and joined himself to the disciples of Christ. On the 11th day of June, 1909, he was ordained and appointed State Overseer of the Church of God in Christ in the state of Georgia. In that state he labored until he was moved by the Holy Ghost to the state of Ohio, where he is still laboring to the cause of Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Amen.

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